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250 Students Protest ROTC



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Deadline Set For ROTC Talk

The faculty passed a resolution Monday setting deadlines for the upcoming negotiations with the Army on altering the status of ROTC here by a vote of 64-27. The measure reads as follows:

The Faculty Resolves

1. that if substantive negotiations with the appropriate government authorities have not been entered into by October 1, 1969 the Faculty shall formally consider cancellation of current contractual relations with ROTC no later than the November Faculty Meeting.

2. that if substantive negotiations with appropriate government authorities can be concluded prior to May 19, 1969, the Special Committee on the status of ROTC shall present its recommendations to the Faculty at a special meeting in May.

Chairman of the ROTC com-

mittee, D. K. Smith and Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien drew up the proposal, and O'Brien presented it to the faculty. O'Brien stated the faculty has no power to make changes the contract with the Army must be negotiated by President Armstrong and the Trustees. He called on faculty members to vote in the resolution to show that they would not accept interminable discussion with the Army.

Associate Professor of English, Robert Paek proposed that the faculty should make a positive statement of position on ROTC rather than the existing statement presenting the "belief" of the faculty.

Associate Professor of English, David Littlefield expressed concern that should negotiations be allowed to drag on into next semester that a phasing out of the ROTC program would be stalled by one more year.

Instructor in English, William Kerrigan advocated a faculty vote calling for the abolition of the ROTC program outright. Those who voted against O'Brien's proposal hoped to have it voted down so that a stronger measure could be presented.

President Armstrong opened the meeting by reading the statements on ROTC presented by the Students before the meeting began.

Armstrong announced that he had contacted a Col. Livingston at First Army Headquarters who said that he and a team of negotiators would be coming to Middlebury very shortly. Livingston's group will be empowered to negotiate a new contract.

Governance Commission

The faculty also voted to create a Commission to Review College Governance. It is hoped that committee members can be

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Sit-In At Faculty Meeting

Over two hundred and fifty students waited silently for the faculty in Willard Lounge last Monday to demonstrate their concern with the slow progress being made on the ROTC question. A student position paper was left on each faculty member's seat, and a student presented the paper to President Armstrong and the faculty before the faculty meeting was officially convened. The students then filed out and dispersed allowing the faculty to begin their three hour meeting.

The four points of the student proposal are aimed at having the faculty take a positive stand on demanding that ROTC be made an extra-curricular activity in all particulars. The four points read as follows:

1. Officially designate ROTC an extra-curricular activity.

2. Withdraw academic credit from all military science courses.

3. Deny faculty voting status and academic titles to all ROTC instructors.

4. Formally dissolve the Department of Military Science, delete the Military Science section from the College catalogue, and list ROTC in the catalogue only as an extra-curricular activity.

The demonstrators gathered slowly between three-thirty and four. All the students were assembled well before the first faculty members arrived. There were a number of ROTC cadets among the demonstrators.

At approximately four-fifteen Dick Bittman presented the students' proposal to President Armstrong. Bittman requested that the statement be read into the minutes of the faculty meeting and stated that the students

wished to leave before the faculty meeting was officially convened so that no one among the faculty might mistake the students' presence as a form of intimidation. He termed the proposal "extremely moderate" and said that with regard to possible faculty action of the measure any compromise of these points would be unfortunate.

Henry Maciejewski then presented a more radical proposal to Armstrong calling for the abolition of ROTC at Middlebury. His statement calls the existence of ROTC "another stumbling block toward ending the alienation between the privileged class and the vast unprivileged class of this country — another opportunity for the well-to-do to witness the stupidity, boorishness, etc. of the poorly educated, the blacks, etc. to impress upon the successful officer-graduate his own economic and social distinction." Maciejewski's statement urges the faculty to remember the words of Voltaire: "What! A mad dog enters my house and destroys my family, and you ask me what shall I replace it with?"

Maciejewski represented only a handful of the students present.

Armstrong then asked if he could speak to the students but Bittman replied, "Dr. Armstrong you can call us anytime you want, but this is our demonstration — let's go students." The students then left the Lounge.

Hello Maureen wherever you are.

Faculty Meeting

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elected this semester; their deliberations will continue throughout most of next year.

The commission will be comprised of six faculty members, three tenured and three non-tenured; four students; and three administrators, including the Dean of the College and the Dean of the Faculty. The committee will meet with a parallel committee of the Board of Trustees.

A proposal to place to voting students members on the Educational Policy Committee was passed. Two members of SEPC served as non-voting members of EPC this year.

(Representatives of the First Army contacted the College officials Tuesday morning and set May 14 as the date on which a team of Army negotiators will come to Middlebury to discuss the status of ROTC at an open meeting with the student-faculty ROTC study committee.)

Senate . . .

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dents would be better able to judge the merits of their own classmates that of a slate of relative strangers from their dormitories.

In other action Sunday night, the Senate voted to support Dean Peterson's proposals for "mixed dorms" (see article, p. 3), to streamline the nomination procedures for student members of college-faculty-student committees, and to allow academic credit for students who tutor disadvantaged students for O. E. O.

The last proposal is a suggestion to the Teacher Training Department to give the student tutors credit for their work so that they may spend more time at it. The students, in addition to their tutoring chores, will be assigned reading and short papers on the applications of the readings to their practical experience.

The other action, the by-law on the Nominations Committee, allows for a committee to nominate and review all candidates for members of college-faculty-student committees and to present a final slate of the most qualified candidates before the Senate for final election.

A limited supply of pieces of the original cross are now on sale at the Campus office.

Governor Deane Davis Discusses Violent Disorder On Campus

By TED HOBSON

Deane Davis, Governor of Vermont, said Tuesday night that he would order police on to the campus of Middlebury to end any demonstration that he felt would inevitably lead to violence even if President Armstrong did not want police action. Gov. Davis, speaking before a small group of students, said that he had an obligation to maintain order, and would take "preventive" measures.

During a demonstration with a potential for violence, Gov. Davis said, police would be on campus investigating, though they would not be readily visible. If the student action reached explosive proportions, and he specifically cited an instance where right-wing students or townspeople might be planning to retake an occupied building, he would order police to take the building with or without President Armstrong's consent. Gov. Davis was being questioned by Dan Somers, a member of the College Committee on Campus Order.

Gov. Davis and his wife queried the students at some length as to "an organization called the Students for a Democratic Society." He also questioned students as to the activities of Mobilization for Peace. He felt that many disorders were the result

of a national conspiracy. During the discussion, Gov. Davis and his wife repeatedly cited a bombing at San Francisco State College and the burning of a library at the University of Indiana as results of student violence. At the close of the discussion, he was invited over to a Mobe meeting, but he declined the invitation.

Gov. Davis, when asked about marijuana on campus, said that the state police would continue to investigate use of marijuana, but he indicated that they would be inclined to move only to arrest pushers, for people "should not make money out of it." Mr.

Davis characterized the use of marijuana by students as "their own business," though he felt that it is much more harmful than alcohol.

Addressing himself to the ROTC issue, Gov. Davis said that whether or not ROTC were to be curricular or extra-curricular should be "the administration's choice." He did not feel that ROTC should necessarily be given academic status, and saw nothing wrong with it existing on an extra-curricular basis. The Defense Department has repeatedly expressed concern that the ROTC program not be degraded.

Tyranny . . .

To the Editor:

I would like to give thanks to and commend the students who organized and participated in the student demonstration at the last faculty meeting to petition for the removal of credit from ROTC courses. The demonstration was conducted peacefully and with a grace that conferred dignity upon us all. Our best hopes, I believe, lie in such good will. Although for over two years I have taken the position of the demonstrators, I must deplore Dick Bittman's refusal to allow President Armstrong to speak to the students. To my mind, it was a gesture

of arrogance and tyranny. ROTC is not an issue between Dick Bittman and the administration, nor between the students and the faculty, it is a problem of our community, it is OUR problem. Tyranny, and anarchy, its twin, may be the fate our country is fated to suffer. But there are some of us who will oppose them in whatever forms they take.

Robert Pack

Prentiss Beaman, president of Oskalee College, Oskalee, Tennessee, from 1932 until his death in 1948, performed over six hundred abortions before he was finally petitioned to run for the Tennessee Legislature.

BSMU . . .

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acceptances or promises of financial aid at several other colleges.

He cited as an example the case of a 22 year old secretary who applied and was accepted only by Middlebury. She was originally denied aid, but still needs it if she is to go to college next year.

O'Brien admitted that the black students will be disappointed because there is no significant increase in the number of blacks in the entering class. (According to members of the BSMU, the number may be 8 to 12.) He did say, however, that "next year, 5 percent of the freshman class will be in the severely disadvantaged group." "Severely disadvantaged" students are defined as those yearly financial aid needs are \$3,000 or more.

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