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Students Plan Anti-Draft Protest At Local Board

Middlebury students opposed to the Vietnam War and the Selective Service System are organizing a week of anti-war activities including leafletting, door-to-door canvassing, an on-campus rally, and a "sit-in vigil" at the local draft board.

The rally and sit-in, scheduled for Thursday, March 19, will coincide with demonstrations at draft boards and induction centers around the country. These local actions are planned as part of national "Anti-Draft Week," a four-day campaign sponsored

school students will be urged to attend a brief rally on Proctor Terrace at noon next Thursday. Speakers will discuss the draft, the war, the Nixon Administration's "Vietnamization" policy, and U. S. Military involvement in Laos.

From Proctor, the demonstrators will march down College Street to the Municipal Building where they will picket the town offices and conduct a short "sit-in vigil" in the lobby outside the local draft headquarters.

Public Health Hazard

Students will attempt to discuss the war and related issues with town employees inside the building. The group will also place a quarantine notice on the door of the draft board, condemning it as a "Public Health Hazard."

The Thursday demonstration will be preceded by three days of leafletting and canvassing activities. Students will distribute anti-war literature and draft counseling information at Middlebury Union High School and at various other locations in town. A group will be at the Snow Bowl tomorrow to hand out leaflets publicizing the draft board action.

High School Involvement

At the Coalition meeting Tuesday night, the importance of involving local high school students was repeatedly stressed. Coalition members hope to contact interested MUHS students and arrange a meeting at the high school to discuss the war and the draft.

On campus next week the Coalition plans to circulate a

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Art Majors Oppose Studio Staffing Policy, Ask Change

By NANCY GRIMES

Seventy students majoring in art have signed a petition opposing their Department's newly instituted policy for staffing the studio arts program.

The petition urges "that tenure be granted to studio teachers who deserve it" and "that a visiting artist be hired to come to Middlebury for a certain amount of time during the school year."

The students prefer this plan to the one initiated earlier this winter, under which studio positions will be granted only on a visiting non-tenured basis.

Art Majors Meet

Art majors met last Wednesday to discuss their alternative proposal and to form a student advisory committee of twenty students. Prof. Turner, chairman of the Art Department,

had suggested that such a group be organized last fall, but the students did nothing about it at that time.

Three majors met with Turner on Tuesday of this week to present the petition to him and explain their opposition to the new policy. Their main points were outlined in the petition:

"As different artists come to the school each year, or each semester, new points of view will certainly be brought to the campus. However, the studio area of the department does have a central aim, and that is to teach the students the basics of visual language, and to help them explore their own way of seeing. This aim can be realized by tenured studio teacher-artists who have time to get to know students and are here long enough to set up a consistent, well organized program."

In the official statement explaining the reasons for establishing the new policy, Professor Turner said that "the Department believes that the rural isolation of Middlebury is inimical to the full growth of a promising artist should he remain here for an extended period of time."

Experience and Growth

In their petition, the majors reply that "the tenured artist (Continued on page 2)

Environmental Quality Activist Plans Conference, Anti-Pollution Campaign

By CIDDY ARING

"The major problem in pollution, says Bart Hall, chairman of Middlebury's Environmental Quality Group, "is not industry but the average American citizen, students included, who, in search for economic security and The American Dream, provide the market for huge numbers of useless items."

Pollution is not the problem, Hall maintains, rather it is only a symptom of a sick society. "You can't cure a disease by curing the symptoms — that can only make it hurt a little less." To fight pollution effectively, he feels is to fight the whole tradition that for something to be good, it's got to be bigger, better, faster and more expensive.

Hall finds it a "drastic necessity" to awaken Middlebury students to more active concern and awareness of many problems outside the college campus. To further this goal, Hall and the Environmental Quality Group have planned a series of activities aimed at educating the people of Middlebury and Vermont about the ecological problems facing us today.

Ecology Conference

The EQG will sponsor The Environmental Action Conference Saturday, March 21 through March 22. The Conference will discuss preparations for Earth Day, April 22; and possible methods of co-ordinating the various ecology organization programs throughout Vermont have been invited to at-

tend the conference.

A group of approximately 75-100 people from high schools, colleges, businesses in Vermont have been invited to attend the Conference. The students, faculty members, and townspeople of Middlebury have also been asked to contribute their ideas.

Forum for Ideas

Hall hopes that the conference will develop into a "glorified bull session," a forum for the exchange and development of ideas. The Conference will consist of a series of lectures and seminars moving from a discussion of "Individual Ecology" to the "Economics of Pollution Control." The \$3.50 registration fees and contributions

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Liberal Lt. Gov. Hayes Opposes Deane Davis

By TED HOBSON

Lieutenant Governor Thomas Hayes announced his intention to run for governor of Vermont recently. The announcement signalled the official break between Hayes and incumbent Governor Deane C. Davis, a fellow Republican.

Hayes' announcement was rather unique for several reasons. While declaring his candidacy, the Lieutenant-Governor refused to say which political party it is that he is running in. Furthermore, he declared his candidacy without discussing any specific programs that are different with the Governor's present administration. He says he plans to work them out later in the campaign.

Varied Reaction

The unexpected candidacy met varied reaction. House majority leader Walter Kennedy, R-Chelsea, called the announcement "wonderful news, a breath

of fresh air." Deane Davis, not unexpectedly, was less enthusiastic. "neither surprised nor disappointed." On the right, The Burlington Free Press, Vermont's largest daily, ran an editorial entitled "The Sad Case of Lt. Gov. Hayes. In the advance obituary the paper identified Hayes as somewhat of a psychopath, declaring "The people of Vermont can only feel sorry for this confused man" who suffers "a split from reality." The paper graciously extended its "feeling of pity" to "this confused man." Having already celebrated Hayes' political demise, the Free Press will surely find little reason to cover the remainder of the Hayes Campaign.

Background

Hayes' background is not one that would endear him to the Free Press. An aide to Republican Senator Winston Prouty for seventeen years, Hayes has



Lt. Gov. Thomas Hayes

not shied from political controversy. He has opposed the Davis handling of student demonstrations (or in the case of Middlebury, student non-demonstrations), the cut of the Brandon Training School budget, and opposed Davis most spectacularly last November, when Hayes endorsed the March on Washington, even while many liberal

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College Council Approves Frat Rush Program

Last Monday, College Council discussed plans for spring fraternity rush, and increasing problems in the dormitories.

The College Council accepted the Interfraternity council's proposal to institute spring rush this year, and winter rush in the following years. These plans especially benefit freshmen who will be charged a social fee for the spring and will have full access to the fraternity houses one term earlier than under the present rush system.

Rushing will begin at 4:30 p. m. April 10, when freshmen will sign in at the different houses. April 11, freshmen will visit any houses they wish, and on the next day, bids will be given out. The social fee for the spring will be about \$25. The proposal will be submitted

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will cover the cost of meals and dorm accommodations for the out-of-town guests who will be attending the conference.

Earth Day

EQG has also formulated plans for Earth Day, April 22. Hall has organized panel discussions and teach-ins concerning a variety of pollution problems and the pollution legislation presently being considered in Congress. The afternoon of the 22nd will be devoted to writing letters to Senators and the distribution of pamphlets. Hall feels that these letters and the awareness of these problems on the part of students and townspeople is vital to the Vermont pollution program.

The EQG has also initiated a major anti-phosphate campaign designed to inform the public of the inherent dangers of phosphates. The Group has been distributing leaflets containing analyses of the quantity of phosphates found in various detergents.

One pound of Tide (the largest selling nationwide detergent

and also one highest in phosphate content—44 percent) contains enough nutrients to grow almost a quarter-ton of algae, creating a serious pollution problem in streams and lakes. Mr. Peabody has agreed that the college bookstore might consider carrying another brand of detergent and the co-operation of the student body in this area will be appreciated.

Middlebury Smokestacks

The EQG has recently completed gathering samples for a study of matter emitted from smokestacks in the Middlebury area. In spring, the group intends to trace pollution sources to their specific locations on Otter Creek.

As for the individual's part in pollution prevention, Hall said:

"We're trying to change the throw-away mentality in American society, e. g. no deposit bottles. The resource base just can't take it and there's no place to put the waste. An average person in America disposes of 6 1-2 pounds of solid waste every day. America has 6 percent of the world's population yet uses over 1-2 of the world's

resources. The American system has got to go — it's too exploitative.

"We're trying to push towards recycling of resources — the reinstitution of returnable bottles. Kids should start asking stores for returnable bottles. They should be more careful of what they throw away. A good motto is, 'Use it up, wear it out, and make it do.' The idea that convenience should be the foremost consideration in structuring your society has got to go."

Hall would like to see the College ban all cars except in case of proven necessity. He feels this is impractical, though, because he doesn't believe the Middlebury student is willing to surrender his freedom to go skiing when and where he wants



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to, "People just don't like to make personal sacrifices."

Hall believes that American will eventually be required to change its economic system from one which classifies luxur-

ies as necessities to one that is based upon usefulness and practicality. The belief that growth and progress are inherently good, must be altered radically he feels.

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