

M & N incidents recapped

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Nearly 200 demonstrators who occupied the Military and Naval Science building since early evening left at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The students, whose number swelled to near 1,000 during the evening, drew up a list of six demands and said they would not leave the building until the demands were met.

Alan Siporin, one of the spokesmen, said the students were occupying the building to protest President Richard Nixon's Indochina policy. Their demands included University amnesty for all students arrested at the Lincoln draft board Monday and a suspension of ROTC classes until the Indochinese war ends.

CAMPUS POLICE were present in the building throughout the demonstration. There were no incidents.

Several times during the night, representatives of the occupying students met with Lincoln campus president Joseph Soshnik, Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross, and Dean of Faculties C. Peter Magrath. Several faculty members and representatives of student government were also present.

IN A STATEMENT read at 3 a.m. Soshnik said that no University rules were being broken and that the students could remain in the building as long as they did not disrupt classes or destroy University property. At 7:10 a.m. Siporin urged the demonstrators to stay in a portion of the building's basement and not

disrupt classes scheduled for 7:30 a.m.

The demonstrators, for the most part, seemed to agree with Siporin. They sat on the floor and munched donuts that had been brought in for breakfast.

SOME ROTC STUDENTS gathered on the upper level of the building and looked down at the demonstrators. Again there was no disruption.

At 7:30 a.m. some ROTC students went to their classrooms and found no instructors there. They then left the building.

Professor of Military Science William W. Gist, III, met with the students in a parking lot across the street from the building. He urged the students to "keep it cool" and said he was waiting for word from Soshnik as to whether classes would be held.

At 8:45 Soshnik and Ross arrived at the building, followed shortly by Council on Student Life Chairman John W. Robinson and C. Peter Magrath, Dean of Faculties. The officials conferred in one of the building's offices.

SOSHNIK THEN ordered them to leave the building within fifteen minutes. He read a statement that said those remaining would be subject to arrest and University discipline.

Soshnik said classes had been cancelled in the building because of the disruption. He added that acts of violence were likely to occur under the present conditions.

He also announced that a petition had been filed for an injunction to clear students

from the building.

Most of the demonstrators stayed where they were, planning to lock arms when the police came.

Later Soshnik returned to the demonstrators and told them that anyone not out of the building in five minutes would be placed on probation.

AFTER AN hour those still

remaining would be temporarily suspended, he said.

Robinson then informed the demonstrators of their rights.

At 9:34 a.m. Soshnik returned and announced that all those still demonstrating were on probation. He restated that those still in the building in an hour would be suspended.

At 9:58 a.m. Siporin an-

nounced to the demonstrators that the faculty meeting originally scheduled for noon had been moved forward to 10:30. They decided to leave the M&N building and attend the faculty meeting.

At 10 a.m. the demonstrators marched from the building and headed for the Nebraska Union.

Varner:

Strike will cause injury

Chancellor Durward B. Varner said late Tuesday, "The net result of a student strike will be substantial injury to the University of Nebraska."

However, Varner and Lincoln Campus President Joseph Soshnik said that the University administration has not taken an official stand toward the student strike which was called Tuesday in a student meeting at the Coliseum.

When asked about the strike Soshnik remarked, "I want to consult further with the Chancellor. I'm not ready at this time to speak unilaterally."

Varner said there are more constructive ways for students to voice their opposition to the Cambodian problem than a student strike and occupying the Military and Naval Science Building.

"I fail to see a student strike solving a very difficult foreign problem," the Chancellor added.

Varner also said the injunc-

tion ordering student demonstrators from the Military and Naval Science Building was the implementation of a plan formed many years ago to handle student protests.

"The Board of Regents didn't call to get an injunction against the students," Varner stated.

However, the Chancellor said he has been in contact with the Regents concerning the current student demonstrations. He said the Regents have reported that there is a good deal of unhappiness in outstate Nebraska over the student demonstrations.

Police forces on alert

Lincoln police forces, which have been ready if needed since Monday, will continue to maintain special patrols "as long as necessary," according to the Chief of Police Joe Carroll.

He said late Tuesday that police forces are working 12-hour shifts and units near the campus are operating at twice normal strength.

Nearly 150 Lincoln police, county sheriff's deputies and state patrolmen were prepared to remove students "occupying" the Military and Naval

Science Building Tuesday morning, Carroll said. They left before action was initiated.

"We operate on the campus only at the request of the University," Carroll said. Since the request Tuesday morning, the police chief said, there have been no problems.

Lt. Col. John Ratliff, information officer for the Nebraska National Guard, said the Guard had received no requests for action and had not participated in any action concerning the "NU disturbances."



At draft arraignment

Twelve plead not guilty

Eleven of the 13 University students arrested at Monday's draft board demonstration pleaded not guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace at their arraignment in Municipal Court Tuesday morning.

Charles Dalrymple pleaded guilty to charges of malicious destruction of property after he allegedly broke a window in the door of the Terminal Building, home of the Lincoln draft

board.

The others arrested pleaded not guilty to the charge of disturbing the peace. Elbert Hill pleaded not guilty to the charge of using foul and abusive language. They were released without bond in the custody of attorney Patrick Healey of Lincoln. Their trial is slated for May 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Healey repeatedly asked that the complaints be quashed on the grounds that they are vague, indefinite, uncertain, over-broad and do not state an offense. Each time he was overruled by the judge.

Later Healey said he doesn't think the students were disturbing the peace. "Our position is that they were exercising their constitutional right of lawful assembly," he said.

City Attorney Norman Krivosha refused to say exactly what the students were doing to disturb the peace because he said commenting would be unfair to the students. He said only that "there was some problem with the elevators," and that most of the students were arrested in the hall in front of the draft board.



Students leave; affidavit withdrawn

The late entrance of Municipal Judge William Hastings and two divorce cases may have prevented a police-student confrontation at the University of Nebraska Tuesday.

The University was seeking a temporary restraining order to remove students who occupied the Military and Naval Science building Monday night. The case had just begun when the University attorney, Flavel Wright, received a phone call

notifying him that the students had left voluntarily.

The hearing, scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m., was first delayed as the court waited for Hastings to enter. Then before the University case, two divorce proceedings were heard by the judge.

Later Tuesday the University withdrew both the affidavit submitted as evidence and the request for the restraining order.