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Purpose of rally is 'educational'

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Representatives of the University Strike Coordinating Committee said Thursday there was danger of more violent student action if the current student strike does not produce positive results.

Danny Allen, a committee member, said the strike was aimed at influencing congress. He described President Richard M. Nixon as a "cunning, shrewd and ruthless politician."

He explained that members of congress have closer ties with the people than the president and are more easily influenced. Congress can work to end the war by cutting war funds, he said.

The press conference was called to explain the purpose of the Saturday Nebraska peace rally. Jack Stout, another committee member, said the purpose of the rally is completely educational.

"This is not planned as a demonstration, but as a learning experience," Stout said. "The only demonstration may be that people are concerned about what is going on and want to learn."

He added that the governor's office has expressed support for the Saturday rally.

Allen said about 75 percent of the students are still attending classes. However, this is not really an accurate assessment of student feeling, he added.

"The student's feeling about the move into Cambodia is fairly evenly split," he said. "There is a significant amount of feeling both ways."

More than 1,200 students have been involved in canvassing the community, Allen said. Attendance at special strike classes has also been increasing, he added.

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State college scene

Students at many Nebraska colleges and universities are showing their opposition to increased American war moves in Indochina.

An outdoor forum called by students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Wednesday to discuss the Cambodian fighting and violence at Kent State University nearly erupted in a fight over the American flag.

Student leaders and army bootstrappers dissuaded students from fighting over whether the flag should be flown at half-staff in honor of the four students who were killed by National Guardsmen at Kent State.

The student Board of Governors at Creighton University urged the student body to stage a 96-hour hunger strike to protest what their

resolution called "the atrocities of Kent State University and the unwise extension of the war into Cambodia."

The hunger strike was planned to begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday to 4 p.m. Sunday. Students were urged to return to classes.

AT HASTINGS College, students Wednesday held a memorial service for the students killed at Kent State, then spent two hours writing letters to elected officials, protesting the action of the National Guard and the current U.S. involvement in Cambodia.

The Nebraska Wesleyan University Student Senate recently adopted a resolution opposing escalation and extension of the Indo-China war.

Rea Miller, senate presi-

dent, said the resolution was adopted only after 51 per cent of the student body signed petitions supporting the stand.

Phil Gaffney, president of the 14-member Nebraska Student Government Association (NU is not a member), however, has contended that demonstrators at the University of Nebraska don't have the support of "the thousands of other students at other colleges and universities in Nebraska."

AT LEAST 120 Pershing College students at Beatrice, however, seem to sympathize with the University anti-war movement. The students staged an orderly two-mile march Tuesday noon to the Gage County draft board office.

Many students carried signs protesting Vietnam and the

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Rally plans complete

Plans for a rally to be held Saturday at 1 p.m. on the field northeast of the Women's Physical Education Building are nearly complete, according to coordinator Jack Stout, an official for Nebraskans for Peace.

Speakers will include Dr. James Kavanaugh, former Roman Catholic priest who spoke in Lincoln in February; Fred Stoner, editor of the U.S. Farm News, John Swomley of Kansas City, and Esquire magazine Vietnam correspondent, John Sack.

Stout also said that Winnebago Indians from Nebraska will be coming to the event to protest recent government interference with Indian lands.

Plans are being made to accommodate what Stout says could be a crowd of 15,000 or more.

President, Magrath, Student rap

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Lincoln Campus President Joseph Sosnik said Thursday afternoon he is impressed with the way the student strike is being handled but that students could register their protest over Cambodia without boycotting classes.

Sosnik and C. Peter Macgrath, Dean of Faculties,

attended an initially small seminar meeting in Andrews Hall that quickly filled up and spilled into the hall when students found out about it.

Sosnik said he came to listen and commented "we've all learned a lot this week."

HE MADE no reply to charges by Stephen Rozman, assistant professor of political science, that an affidavit sign-

ed by Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross contained lies about the people occupying the ROTC building. The affidavit listing Rozman, six students and 200 "unnamed persons" as defendants was filed by the University to obtain an injunction to remove the demonstrators.

Magrath commented privately that the contention

contained in the affidavit that the protestors had threatened ROTC students was a subjective judgement and debating it would serve no purpose.

Students must be careful about the way they protest, Sosnik warned, "because students could turn off the rest of the state. You can't convince them (Nebraskans) if they won't listen."

ALAN SIPORIN, strike committee member, said "a strike is when you stay out until demands are met," so the strike should continue past Friday.

Siporin was referring to demands listed by the National Student Association that the strike continue until, 1) all U.S. troops are removed from Indochina, 2) immediate termination of university investments in industries contributing to the war, 3) oppression of political dissidents like the Black Panthers stops.

The more radical NU students are cooling their zeal for more "intense" forms of protest until they see what progress comes of peaceful ASUN activities, Siporin said.



Photos by Howard Rosenberg

Weekend strike schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 9

1:00 Nebraska for Peace rally, Women's PE field.
8:00 Concert, free admission, donations appreciated.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

3:00 Town Meeting, Coliseum, to decide on future of the strike. Student ID's are needed for admission.