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Day of Protest Ends in Destruction

AFROTC Building Burns; Student Charged

By RON HAWKINS
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A fire destroying the Air Force ROTC building on Euclid Avenue ended a day of uneasy confrontation between the students and the administration.

Sue Ann Salmon, 21, of Hopkins County, was arrested in connection with the fire and charged with arson.

The day began with typical UK party-time protests. Around 1 p.m. students gathered around the fountain by the Office Tower to protest the Kent State incident in which four students died, US involvement in Cambodia and firearms on campus.

After a period of light activity the rally picked up tempo as Spud Thomas outlined the group's plans. He said the group would attend that afternoon's Board of Trustees meeting which was open to the public.

As Thomas spoke it was learned that only 70 seats were in the room and 60 were already occupied—very few by students. In addition, only those students with seats were to be allowed in the room because of the building's fire regulations.

Bright Presents Proposal

It was finally decided that Student Government President Steve Bright would present the student's proposals.

Dialogue continued until 1:45 p.m. when it appeared that the entire group of demonstrators tried to enter the Office Tower.

A large number traveled up 15 flights of stairs while still another substantial number took elevators.

After about 175 students were on the eighteenth floor the police blocked the elevators and closed off the stairwell preventing any more students from entering the eighteenth floor. The police contended that additional

students would present a fire hazard.

Elevator after elevator came up to the floor, but each time a club-wielding campus policeman ordered it back down. Students already on the eighteenth floor chanted "Let them out!"

'Move or go to Jail'

The Board of Trustees meeting began as a typical meeting, although a permanent committee was set up to hear complaints about the student code. Steve Bright delivered the students' recommendations, but no action was taken.

University administrators threatened the students with proposals of "move or go to jail" several times as the students impatiently waited in the hallways chanting slogans.

The Trustees concluded business and left with only one incident marring the meeting.

A. B. "Happy" Chandler, former baseball commissioner and twice governor of Kentucky, struck a student after the student reportedly provoked Chandler.

Singletary Speaks

The students remained and demanded to be heard. After much debate 10 students were allowed to meet with UK President Otis A. Singletary and Albert Clay, temporary chairman of the Board of Trustees.

After the closed meeting with the 10, Singletary spoke to the students and responded to questions. Singletary said he was told it was advisable to talk to the students.

There was "no sizable interest by the board" to ban fire arms on campus Singletary told the students. He added that the only thing he was persuaded of was that students "dislike" arms on campus.

Singletary also commented that he was working on a letter

to President Nixon speaking out against the Cambodian affair but that he had not finished it. He said he would not support today's proposed boycott of classes, although Bright endorsed the strike.

March Covers Campus

The meeting broke up, and students picked up handouts telling of a rally and march to be held later at night.

The march covered the UK campus. As it moved through the Complex several students could be heard shouting at the marchers.

The marchers, carrying four caskets for the four students killed

at Kent State University Monday, marched on passing the Donovan-Haggin area and stopping traffic. At the corner of Euclid and Limestone the marchers became somewhat divided. Some wanted to march downtown and others wanted to proceed on to Barker Hall, the ROTC building. Finally, they all sat down in the middle of the Euclid-Limestone intersection. But local police halted traffic back at the Short Street intersection and the group moved on to the ROTC building, Buell Armory.

Confusion Reigns

Once there, rhetoric filled the air. Most of talk was not talk,

but yells—attempts to get points across or to solidify further plans.

Of the estimated 300 present a large number spoke at one time or another. Many called

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A rally was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the ROTC Building. This was apparently a test of President Singletary's order prohibiting student meetings after 5 p.m.

The rally was announced at the end of a meeting attended by about 2,500 students in the Student Center.



EAB Burns

Lexington firemen shoot a stream of water toward the flaming Euclid Avenue Building, formerly the Air Force ROTC building, after an arsonist set the building on fire to culminate Tuesday's day of protest. The fire also damaged several rooms in nearby Blazer Hall, forcing some women students to search for temporary housing in other dormitories. A UK student, Sue Ann Salmon, 21, of Madisonville, has been charged in the burning. Kernel Photo By Dick Ware



Kernel Photo by Ken Weaver

'Deplorable Acts of Violence'

Student Meetings After 5 Prohibited By Singletary

UK President Otis A. Singletary, has "prohibited" any student meetings after 5 p.m. Wednesday.

In a statement released Wednesday at noon, Singletary said, "It is our intention to keep the University open for those students who were not involved in the demonstration and who want to complete their semester's work."

Singletary condemned the burning of the Air Force ROTC building Tuesday night, saying, "The deplorable acts of violence committed last night on the University of Kentucky campus were irrational and meaningless, and I am personally grieved at the senseless destruction that has occurred."

"In addition to the loss of physical property, the lives of more than a hundred students were threatened when fire spread

to their living quarters."

Singletary characterized the situation here as a "state of limited emergency" and said local and state police will remain on campus "to deal with any further incident which threatens violence to persons or property."

Earlier Wednesday, Gov. Louie Nunn issued a statement saying the violence would not be "tolerated". Gov. Nunn has placed the State Police and the National Guard on "alert".

Singletary said assistance was requested from the local and State Police "after observing the commission of unlawful acts and determining that property and life were threatened and that the campus security force could not contain the crowd."

Singletary said five students were arrested on various charges. The president said an investiga-

tion of the incident was being conducted but Stuart Forth, acting vice president for student affairs, said it was too early to determine whether disciplinary action would be taken against any students.

Forth said he was "extremely depressed by the emotional and irrational response to a complex problem," and added, "If I were to believe the rhetoric, I would say they were looking for a confrontation."

The Student Mobilization Committee, meanwhile, "urged everyone to look beyond the mere burning of a worthless building" and see the cause of the incident as being an "illegal aggressive war that has cost 50,000 American lives. We strongly feel that all the buildings on this campus are not worth one of those lives."



Former Governor A. B. Chandler confronts a student in a quick encounter outside the Board of Trustees meeting room immediately following Tuesday's session.

Photos By
Dick Ware



*Bldg. Burned

for action, but confusion reigned.

An occasional rock crashed a Buell Armory window. The marchers let out a resounding boo each time it happened. Several commented, "That's their (the establishment) way of doing things—we don't want to be like them."

The crowd gradually began to disperse. A few police in the area armed with walkie-talkies stood around the rim of the crowd.

Possible Arrest

Dean of Students Jack Hall then told the students they would have to leave or face possible arrest. The crowd ceased to dwindle as quickly as it was.

Then state, local and campus police began to move toward the students. Armed with billy clubs, tear gas canisters and guns, the police lined the front of Buell Armory to prevent movement toward the ROTC building.

The crowd held firm. A waiting game was in order.

UK grad student Mason Taylor reportedly lobbed a rock over

the head of the police toward the ROTC building. Several state police moved forward and struck student Peter Mitchell. Taylor was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct.

The police retreated and the things relaxed once more.

Suddenly, the gaze of the students turned toward the top of the Student Center. A huge fireball shocked onlookers, leading some to believe the Student Center was on fire.

Eventually, the students realized it was the Air Force ROTC building which was aflame. People ran in three or four directions trying to get a better look at what was happening.

Singletary Meets Students Today

Police dominated the area quickly. The fire department arrived and tried to salvage what they could. Before the fire was under control the ROTC building was termed a "total loss." Additionally, a number of rooms in Blazer Hall were destroyed.

The students then dispersed and set forth plans for today's activities, which include a debate of 10 a.m. on Cambodia and a meeting between Singletary and students at 1 p.m.

Radicals Give Their Views On Burning Of Building

By JIM FUDGE
Kernel Staff Writer

Not all of the more radical students at UK were happy to see a building burned down by arsonists, even though that building was an Air Force ROTC building.

Even though they weren't real happy about it, many felt that it was no great loss. Many students felt the burning was disgusting, and would polarize more people besides being a danger to life.

"It doesn't break my heart," one student said, going on to say that he felt that the burning was "forced" by the University and that ROTC didn't belong on this campus.

"They burned the wrong building," said Jack Layne. "They shouldn't have endangered anybody's life, no matter who did it. Both (ROTC) buildings were relatively unguarded, so why didn't they burn the big one?"

Peggy Klein said she felt the incident was a "bad move." It polarized a lot of people. "I'm a pacifist, and don't agree with what took place. It's disgusting."

Dennis McCarty, an SMC member, explained that "It was unfortunate that the building was burned down. But the tragedy of Vietnam is worse. If a new ROTC building it put up to take its place, it will be an even bigger tragedy. They should turn the area into a people's park.

"Otis Singletary and Jack Hall should be arrested for aiding and abetting arson," claimed Reverend Jim Coomes, who explained that the actions they used against students did little to calm them.

"It's too bad that a building has to be burned down," explained Karl May, "but if the burning of that one building could possibly result in the saving of one human life, American or Vietnamese, then I say right on."

Kathy Harnett expressed anger at the "idiots for doing it near a dorm. I'm afraid that it will also tend to cause more violence in some way. It could have just whetted people's appetites for more.

"It wasn't an end, it was a beginning," she explained.

One of the longest statements made was by Michael Dobbs, which seemed to say a lot that others had tried to say:

"We have pleaded, begged, threatened; the people who rule this campus and our lives have obstinately refused to pay any attention to our opinions or attitudes as students on any and all issues. The time has come when we must demonstrate to the powerful few that the students of this University will no longer tolerate disguised tyranny. If we must degrade ourselves by speaking to the administration in their own jargon of violence in order to be heard, then so be it."

Three Students Arrested

By JOE HAAS
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One undergraduate and two graduate students were arrested as a result of Tuesday night's flare-up here.

Those arrested were Sue Ann Salmon, 21, on a charge of suspicion of arson; Mason Taylor, 26, charged with disorderly conduct (in front of Buell Armory); and John Woodring, 26, also arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. This information came from the Lexington City Jail, where Miss Salmon is held in the 'hold-over' room, and from the County Jail, where Woodring and Taylor are held.

According to City sources, Miss Salmon is being held on a \$2500 bond, Woodring, \$500, and Taylor, \$500.

The information on Miss Salmon came from the city jail

arrest logbook and the county jail supplied the information on Woodring and Taylor.

With the Kernel reporter at both locations was the chaplain for the county jail, Jim Coomes. Mr. Coomes was at the demonstration from the beginning. Coomes said that "The State Police are very ethical, some of the best around."

When the harassment of the police reached a high point, the police responded in a manner which prompted Coomes to say that "I'm glad that they used as much restraint as they did."

Coomes also noted the Kentucky State Police Colonel who came up to him at the appearance of the squad and said "You look pretty straight. Could you tell me what is going on? I'd like to know too."

Fire Drives Women From Blazer Hall

By DANIEL E. GOSSETT
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Approximately 184 women were evacuated from Blazer Hall early Wednesday morning when flames from the Euclid Avenue Building fire threatened to spread into the co-ed dormitory. Dean of Students, Rosemary Pond, reported that all occupants of the dormitory left the building in a quick and orderly fashion once the fire alarm had been sounded.

Although fire alarms had also been sounded in two other dormitories, Jewell and Boyd Halls, the residents were soon allowed to return to their rooms since damage to these two buildings was minimal. The fire inflicted heavy damage to the south side of Blazer Hall, however, causing the occupants to seek shelter in other dormitories, sorority houses or in private residences.

Some Leave Town

Most of these women are being temporarily housed in Keene-land Hall with Patterson and Jewell Halls receiving a few of the evacuees. Eleven co-eds were either summoned by their parents to leave Lexington and go to their homes, or left of their own accord.

Twelve residence rooms in Blazer Hall were damaged by the spreading flames, according to Ken Brandenburg, associate dean of students, with five of the rooms being classified as heavily damaged. All of the damaged rooms were on the second

and third floors of the dormitory. Brandenburg commented that a room is classified as heavily damaged if most of the contents of the room are destroyed. Damage done largely by smoke and water is classified as minor damage.

Blazer Hall is twenty feet from the ROTC Building. Heat in the third floor rooms melted telephones fifteen feet from the windows.

Blazer Damage Heavy

Miss Pond commented that a great deal of the damage in the twelve rooms was to university property. Several sets of drapery caught fire, and desks, mattresses, and chairs were singed and water-soaked.

There was also a great deal of water damage in food storage rooms on the first floor of Blazer in an area adjoining the Blazer Cafeteria.

The only casualty of either the Euclid Avenue Building fire or the Blazer Hall fire was a fireman who was overcome with smoke while working inside Blazer Hall. After being treated at Good Samaritan Hospital, he was reported to be in satisfactory condition although he is being held for observation.

No estimate has been made of the cost of the damage to either the Euclid Avenue Building or Blazer Hall.

The ROTC Building is insured for \$74,362 and the contents for \$6,200.

Faculty, Staff Reflect Surprise And Regret

By ELLEN STONE
Kernel Staff Writer

A sampling of UK faculty and coaches was questioned today, on their reactions to Tuesday's student protest and the burning of the Air Force ROTC building. Statements from those questioned follow:

► Dr. Gene Mason, political science professor: "Not only was I surprised that the building on campus was burned, but I was totally shocked and indignant about the use by the Lexington Police Department of AR 15 automatic weapons and automatic shotguns. Tear gas, billy clubs, and loud sound systems are devices used to control riots, if there had been one. But automatic high-powered weaponry has no use other than to chop down large numbers of people."

► Basketball coach Adolph Rupp: "I regret any violence on campus of any kind. I don't think burning buildings at UK will stop the war in Cambodia or the Vietnam war either. There are other means. Students should organize to bring this thing to a stop, but violence at home is not an answer."

► Dr. Lyman Ginger, Dean of the College of Education: "I didn't do it. I certainly think it is unfortunate that a peaceful protest developed into destruction."

► Dr. A. D. Kirwan, history professor and past UK president: "I think any burning is a criminal act and inexcusable."

► "Football coach John Ray: "I was disappointed to see students do it. Peaceful demonstrations are in order, but it was hardly a peaceful demonstration. War is violence and they're (the students) against it, and then they do what they are against. This was no semblance of a peaceful protest. We did

not show any individuality in our actions . . . we just followed what other universities did."

► Dr. Guy Davenport, English professor: "It (the protest and burning) seems deplorable. I see the burning of buildings as the Brownshirts in Germany in 1932."



Students Question Singletary

Across The Nation Vigils, Strikes Mark Student Response

By The Associated Press

Students at a growing number of campuses across America today responded to calls for a nationwide strike against President Nixon's Cambodian policy and the Kent State killings.

Some universities shut down altogether, others had rallies, prayer meetings or vigils. There were clashes with police on some campuses. On some others, there were indications of support for the move into Cambodia.

National Guardsmen patrolled at the University of Wisconsin in Madison after, police said, more than 35 persons were arrested in two days of window smashing and firebomb vandalism.

University spokesmen estimated 10,000 persons attended a campus rally Tuesday night to protest the President's deployment of troops in Cambodia and to hear a "people's petition" against the Kent deaths. The

rally was peaceful but there was vandalism afterward.

The current wave of protests was touched off Monday when National Guardsmen called out by Ohio Gov. James A. Rhodes to control antiwar demonstrations at Kent State, fired into a crowd. Four students were killed.

The Faculty Senate Tuesday blamed Rhodes and his adjutant general, S. T. Del Corso, for the deaths.

Fifteen persons were injured early today when helmeted police armed with clubs and sidearms routed some 500 Seton Hall University students in South Orange, N. J. The students had camped around a street bonfire to protest the war.

Buffalo, N.Y., police fired tear gas and battled students on the campus of Buffalo State University and nearby streets Tuesday night. The incident involving about 500 students followed similar encounters during the day.

Police also used tear gas and clubs in the state capitol building in Austin, Tex., to break up a demonstration by several hundred protesters who had marched from the University of Texas campus six blocks away.

Princeton University faculty voted to suspend classes for the remainder of the semester and took a stand as a group condemning the war in Southeast Asia. They also approved a two-week recess prior to the November election so students can work in political campaigns.

Boston University canceled final examinations and its scheduled May 17 commencement exercises at which Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, (D-Mass.), was to have been the principal speaker.

The call for a nationwide student strike was made by Charles Gonzales, president of the 110,000-member Student National Education Association. There appeared to be a wide response.



March For The Dead

A group of students carry four coffins to symbolize the deaths of the four students who were killed on the campus of Kent State University. The march began at the Student Center and proceeded throughout the campus with an estimated 500 students participating. The Marchers displayed signs and placards opposing the U.S. entry into Cambodian territory and the needless violence in Ohio.

Bright Condemns Security, Criticizes Police Action

By J. PATRICK MATHES
Assistant Managing Editor

Student Government president Steve Bright has condemned police action on campus last night during demonstrations ending in the burning of a ROTC building.

"I think President Singletary made a big mistake by letting Joe Burch, director of Safety and Security, make the decision to use the police," said Bright, himself an Air Force ROTC cadet.

According to Bright, President Singletary said the decision to bring in police was up to Burch. Last night Bright said "The actions of the University of Kentucky campus were the result of suppressive action and lack of patience on the part of University and police officials."

"The rally in front of the Army ROTC building was obviously about to break up when two ranks of police were brought in. After the resulting confusion and limited unrest had ended, the rally was again near ending when a third rank of police was marched in.

"If some type of violence was likely as a result of such an overwhelming show of force the course taken tonight (Tuesday) was certainly preferable to any injury to individuals."

In a statement released Tuesday the Student Government president stated, "I realize that there was a class boycott less than a month ago and that extremely large numbers of students desire to proceed with the present academic schedule, and I respect their right to do so.

"But I feel that these considerations are secondary to the overriding importance of the influence of the expansion of the Southeast Asian conflict and the Kent State incident on many students here."

"It is my hope and request that all members of the faculty will respect the personal convictions of those students who participate in the student strike today, and that provisions will be made to allow students participating to make necessary arrangements with no punitive action."

During the Board of Trustees' meeting Tuesday afternoon, Bright presented a list of statements concerning the extended U.S. involvement in Cambodia and the death of four students at Kent State University."

Bright pointed out the deep concern among students over the extension of the war in Southeast Asia: "They have been concerned since the statement of President

Nixon last Thursday."

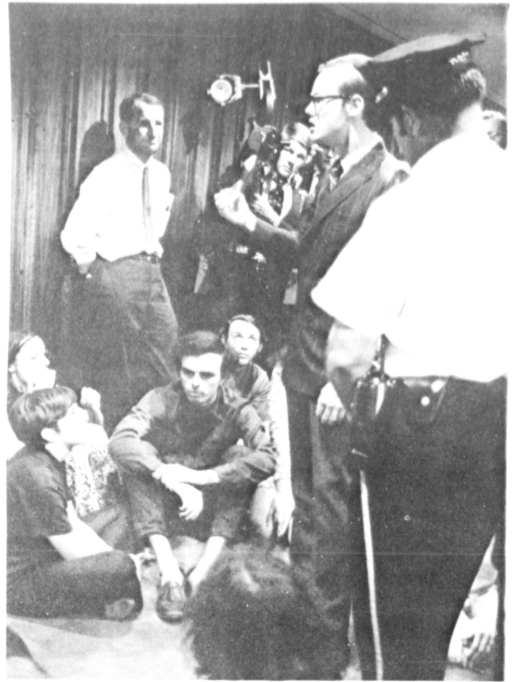
"The pensive and thoughtful attitude of the students has turned into one of frustration and helplessness. Many of us have been involved in opposition to the war for months or years. We see our present involvement in Cambodia becoming a matter of months and years."

Bright continued, "The death of four students at Kent State comes as a shock to the entire academic community. Students, board members, administrators and faculty members have expressed their deep concern and regret for this deplorable event.

"It is also a consideration that the same thing could occur on our campus—this is something we all must reflect on and consider carefully."

Two student requests were presented to the board by Bright: the first, that the board condemn the slayings at Kent State University on Monday and, secondly, that the board take action to prevent firearms on campus, including police weapons.

In closing his presentation to the board, Bright urged "all parts of the University community, the board, the faculty, the administration and the students to participate" in the discussions scheduled for today.



Bright Speaks

Student Government President Steve Bright addresses a group of students on the eighteenth floor of the Office Tower outside of the Board of Trustees meeting room. Kernel Photos By Dick Ware



Students Confront Police Outside Buell Armory

Attorney Cites Widespread Disorder As Factor

'Fair Hearing At Present Difficult'

By MIKE HERNDON
Editorial Page Editor

Sue Ann Salmon, the UK student charged in the burning of the Euclid Avenue Building during Tuesday night's flare-up, was formally arraigned in Lexington City Court this afternoon.

Miss Salmon, 21, a journalism senior, appeared tired and a little nervous as she entered the courtroom today. She said she spent the night in jail and was treated well, although she got no sleep.

The four foot 11-inch redhead refused to make any statement

at the request of her attorney, John Y. Brown Jr. Brown, upon his arrival in court, told the Kernel that he would enter a plea of not guilty. The date for the preliminary hearing is May 20.

"I could have chosen any date for the trial," Brown said, "but I wanted time for things to cool down. It would be hard to get a fair hearing at a time like this, he said, and referred to similar incidents at Kent State and Harvard.

"Trials will be in session for students involved in trouble

there, and I don't want them to influence the outcome of this trial," he concluded.

A Kernel photographer said she saw Miss Salmon being questioned by police at the corner of Lexington and Euclid immediately following the outbreak of the fire.

Miss Salmon was informally arraigned at 3 a.m. today and posted \$2,500 bond and was released.

The Madisonville native lives at 341 Lexington Ave. during the school term.

Her father, Dr. James Salmon, contacted in Madisonville by the Associated Press, said, "I don't know what happened but I'm going to find out."

He said he had talked to his daughter three times by telephone since her arrest. Her parents are reportedly on their way to Lexington but had not arrived at court time.

Miss Salmon and her attorney said they would not make a pre-trial statement.

NSA Head Urges Strike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Charles F. Palmer, 23-year-old president of the once-stodgy National Student Association, is in the center of a growing nation-wide campus strike movement against the expanded Southeast Asia war.

"We're not just an antiwar group," Palmer said. "We're moving into this because our student constituency is sort of demanding it. They said 'Move' and we had to move."

NSA was long on record against the war but had concentrated its actions on such projects as setting up student-owned corporations, getting legal aid for students and pushing for curriculum reform.

But the U.S. attack into Cambodia last week followed by renewed American air raids in North Vietnam galvanized NSA into action and it volunteered to coordinate the student strikes that began springing up to protest President Nixon's turn in war policy.

Tuesday, the day after National Guard bullets killed four students at Ohio's Kent State University, Palmer said more than 150 campuses were on strike.

Is antiwar sentiment on the rise again?

"The shock still hasn't worn off on Cambodia and I think Kent State is going to exacerbate things. I think there's a consensus, at least among students, that Cambodia was bad."

Why campus strikes?
"People felt they had to respond to Cambodia. Not to respond would have been to legitimize it. People looked to students to tell them it was wrong." Violence?

"I don't think it is very smart. It just plays into the hands of people who want to mount the repression even worse."

Palmer conceded NSA is in some respects moving into the vacuum left when the National Vietnam Moratorium Committee disbanded April 20, 10 days before Nixon's announcement of the Cambodian operations. David Hawk, who left NSA to join the Moratorium group, is back helping coordinate the strikes.