

Classes end until Monday

BU students, faculty call moratorium

Student discussion concerning a moratorium on classes in order to engage in thought and activity concerning the present national crisis in Indo-China started in the quadrangle Monday afternoon.

Before the faculty meeting held late in the afternoon, the students, about 1,000 strong, had agreed to send a representative to the meeting with their moratorium plan. Discussions were quiet and serious.

The faculty by a vote of 91-54 and the University decided to stop classes for the remainder of the week. The resolution stated "faculty members who determine that they must hold regularly scheduled classes should be free to do so." Students will not be penalized if they do not attend these classes.

The student resolution was presented by the Association of Bucknell Students calling for "a strike, which is not to be construed as action against the University, but which is necessary to immediately free the community from its routine activities, and open it up to the critical task of demonstrating renewed opposition throughout the nation designed to illustrate the serious disapproval of the American people concerning the President's policies."

Speaking for the students on the Quad were Ed Pitts, Bob Nachshin and Bill Nicklas who urged members of the student body who had opinions to come forward and state them.

Prior to the faculty vote on its resolution, President Charles H. Watts said "I would ask the faculty to regard this resolution with a critical awareness of the seriousness of this step.

"If the faculty decides to accept it, I would hope that each person would feel a moral obligation to protect two things: 1) the right, and even the responsibility, of his colleagues to differ, and 2) the right of the individual student to allocate his own time as he sees fit.

"It is most important that both our actions and our words be judicious and clear."

The student resolution called for "action projects" which "demonstrate our solidarity as individuals behind the principles of this statement." Among the actions taken already are a program of writing letters to Congressmen, the establishment of an "alternative university" which would be responsible for presenting courses on Indochina during the week, and the creation of an economic boycott committee which has called for a boycott of carbonated beverages.

The following statement was presented to the faculty by Dr. J. William Moore, professor and chairman of the department of education, following the vote by the faculty.

"Fifty-four members of the University faculty present and voting at the faculty meeting of May 4, 1970 did not support the corporate action of the faculty taken concerning the students' Strike Resolution. Support was not given for this resolution by many of these individuals even though some may have supported in principle the substance of the motion. The reason why many faculty members opposed the corporate action of the faculty on this matter is based on the belief that one of the most important characteristics of the University is the freedom of thought and action of its



MIXED FEELINGS SHOW — This extremely serious group of students gathered in the Quadrangle at Bucknell University to decide

whether or not to go out on "strike" not against the university but against the war escalation.

individual members where political issues are the concern and that this freedom should not be limited by the corporate action of the faculty as a whole."

Moratorium Activities

Tuesday night the students formed action groups to make their views known in the community and high school. Letters will be written to home communities and newspapers. Leaflets will be distributed and one group will travel to Washington Thursday to meet with Sen. Hugh Scott.

Alternative lectures and discussions are being held at the university in place of regular classes. Some of the topics under discussion are the whole issue of the situation in Indo-China, the so called recession in this country and the place of the blacks in America.

Yesterday afternoon students heard a talk by Rep. Herman T. Schneebeli, Williamsport, in favor of Nixon's actions in Vietnam and Cambodia. Listeners were polite and controlled but the reaction could not be termed favorable.

A memorial service for the students killed in demonstrations at Kent University was held Tuesday and another yesterday.

Lewisburg Mayor John Baker, Police Chief Gordon Hufnagle, Union County Sheriff William Haas, William Cameron Engine Company Chief Bob Stackhouse and Bucknell administrator John Dunlop met with seven Bucknell students Tuesday evening.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Mayor Baker, was to exchange views and try to relate better understanding between the students and the community.

The students explained their plans for the moratorium and asked for permission

to take their story door to door. The borough officials offered advice on the various projects and explained their problems. The students were granted permission to canvass downtown and go door to door in Lewisburg.

Following are the complete texts of the faculty and student resolutions.

STUDENT RESOLUTION

Whereas President Nixon, elected on a pledge of extricating the U. S. from its military involvement in Vietnam, has embarked on a policy of escalation and intensification,

and Whereas President Nixon has violated the constitutional prerogatives of the U. S. Congress and has aroused the grave concern of the American people by his decision to send American combat troops into Cambodia and to resume the bombing of North Vietnam

and Whereas a strike is defined as a massive reallocation of time and effort, dedicated to demonstrating our solidarity as individuals behind principals of this statement, and our intention to illustrate these principles in action projects, and a march on Washington, D.C. for those interested.

Therefore be it resolved that the Congress of ABS calls for a strike, which is not to be construed as action against the University but which is necessary to immediately free the community from its routine activities, and open it up to the critical task of demonstrating renewed opposition throughout the nation designed to illustrate the serious disapproval of the American people concerning the President's policies.

Be it further resolved that we ask the entire academic community to go to the people and demand as a vocal majority 1) the immediate withdrawal of U. S. troops from Cambodia and Laos 2) permanent cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam and 3) withdrawal of troops from Southeast Asia by December of 1970.

FACULTY RESOLUTION

Whereas recent decisions by President Nixon have accelerated and widened the war in Southeast Asia;

And whereas division and polarization over the war is increasingly prejudicial to our national priorities including the ongoing purposes of higher education;

And whereas concern over the war and its impact at home and abroad is of prime importance to us as citizens as well as teachers and scholars;

Be it resolved that the faculty accept the concern of Bucknell students as expressed in their slogan "On strike, open it up and keep it open," and that we further resolve to suspend normal university operations, including regularly scheduled classes, between May 4 and May 9, 1970, to enable students and faculty to engage, individually and collectively, in activities that are addressed to our current national crisis. Faculty members who determine that they must hold regularly scheduled classes shall be free to do so, but it is understood that students shall not be penalized for electing to participate in Strike activities in lieu of such classroom routines during the period specified above.