

CONVOCATION

A convocation was held this morning on central campus at 11:00 for the five students murdered at Kent State University. President Leggitt, Student Body President Andi Loewi, and Dean Wall each spoke for a few moments, summarizing their personal reactions to the events of the last few days. Dean Wall also read the statement our delegation to Washington D.C. will use.

GRINNELL SENDS DELEGATIONS

Grinnell College has sent two delegations - one to Des Moines, and one to Washington D.C. Buses and cars carried approximately 250 students and faculty to a protest in Des Moines. This demonstration is being done with four other schools: Drake, Marshalltown, Ames, and Simpson. Besides the mass demonstration to be staged on the capital steps, a delegation made up of representatives from each school has an appointment to see Governor Ray. Representing Grinnell College are Andi Loewi and Howie Hagen. The participants hope the demonstration plus the delegation will make a strong impression on the governor regarding the feelings of students all over Iowa about student repression and the war in Southeast Asia.

The delegation to Washington D.C., which left at 3:00 this afternoon and will return tomorrow afternoon, is made up of faculty and two students - Kathy Leinze and Phil Basich. The delegation will present the Resolution passed by Grinnell College and hopes to speak to the Iowa legislature, the Iowa Congressmen, and if possible, President Nixon.

DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE,

As members of an institution committed to reason and to the relationship between private and public responsibility, we, the majority of the Faculty and students of Grinnell College, joined by other citizens of the city of Grinnell, vigorously condemn the recently intensified aggressive action of the United States in Cambodia and Vietnam and the acts of repression so obvious in recent days at Kent State and other universities. These acts and others similar to them threaten the life of this institution and other institutions of higher education; they disrupt

the process of learning, and increase the polarization of society and its potential for violence.

We urge all academic institutions and all citizens to take a similar position, and to join us in making their voices heard in centers of state and national decision making. We are sending official delegations to the governor of Iowa, the President of the United States, and the Congress. We encourage others to do likewise.

STUDENTS LIST DEMANDS FOR ROTC

Students occupying the ROTC building have drawn up the following list of demands:

- 1) Academic Credit for ROTC is eliminated for the 1970-71 year.
- 2) College facilities are withheld from the program.
- 3) ROTC instructors are denied the rank of professors and excluded from faculty meetings and commencement exercises.

President Leggitt has assured the students that he is doing all he can to see what demands can be met. The Academic Committee met this morning at 11:00, and Lt. Col. Steger has contacted the National ROTC people in Maxwell Air Force base in Alabama. The students plan to occupy the building until their demands are met.

AYERS LEAVE ROTC HOUSE

There have been a number of rumours as to why the Ayers had to move out of the ROTC building. The Ayers were asked to move out on Tuesday morning by the Administration after bricks and rocks were thrown through windows of the ROTC building Monday night. Because of the murders at Kent State and the resulting tension the Ayers were asked to move out of the ROTC House for their own safety.

STUDENT FAST

Four students - Mike O'Connor, David Walker, Jim Demapulos, and Ann Bendheim - are staging a three day fast and vigil in Herrick Chapel. (Wed, 6:00pm to Fri, 6:00pm) Although each of the four has different reasons for the fast, they are unified in that this is a reaction to the current situation. They feel Grinnell College is isolated and that as a result no effective changes in the political structure can be brought about here.

"We just want to think about where each of us is going, where we want to go, and how to get there."