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FERTILITY DAY 1971



ORGANIC GARDEN—Planted behind Dr. Racey's house on Weaver Avenue, by students participating in fertility day.



PICNIC DINNER—Was served to the hard-working students. Find yourself in this picture!

by Kati LaMonaca

I was peacefully sleeping at 8:30 a.m., when I was awakened to the sound of a voice coming through a megaphone. At first, I was certain it was a bust, but then I remembered the date, and I realized that the environmental committee wasn't joking when they said that work would begin at 9:00 a.m. I was still lying in bed waiting every few minutes for the voice that was trying to awaken the campus. He was doing a mighty fine job. Soon, I wouldn't stand it any longer, so I decided to get up and start the day.

I took my movie camera and headed to the street. I was taking pictures for the Social Committee to add to our films of home movies that will be shown in about three weeks. I was surprised to find that the streets were so crowded...so early. No one in Meade Heights rises before noon on days when there aren't classes, but that may be due to the fact that they don't get to bed before 10:00 a.m.

Everyone seemed to be in good spirits and ready to work. Trucks were carrying people and equipment. The first group I met was patching the lawns that had been badly torn up by the cars that had missed the driveways and driven across them. One of these lawns had been my own, so my roommates and I were very happy to welcome the



OUTDOOR ROCK CONCERT—Scott, Barb, Dave, and Elaine get it on to the music of Silver Run, bringing Fertility Day to a close.

workers. Now maybe the maintenance men will smile when they pass 812B, rather than shake their heads in dismay.

My next encounter was in the backyard of Dr. Ed Racey. Here, an organic garden was being planted. By the time I arrived everyone was so intent in their work that no one even bothered to give a smile for the camera.

Other activities included planting trees and shrubs along the walkway, around the dorms, and picking up trash around the campus.

At noon, people met on the walkway for hot dogs and drink. Patsy Racey had homemade vegetable soup for those working

in the garden. After lunch, it was back to work in full force.

At dinner time, the crowd moved over to the grounds near the dorms for a picnic. The food was provided by the cafeteria. Some sat, some played ball, and some played frisbee.

In the evening, a large crowd gathered on the volley ball field in Meade Heights and listened to the music of Silver Run. Generally, the crowd kept the good spirits of the day. But some rather intoxicated members forgot the spirit of the day, and left the field in a shambles. A handful of concerned people were left at the end to bring Fertility Day to a close.

TO PUT AN END TO WAR

by Ro Scanlon

While President Nixon trembled by his television in Camp David, an estimated 600,000 people converged on Washington Saturday. They had come to protest U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia, social injustice, and political repression by participating in the opening MAYDAY rally.

Capitol Campus participated on April 24, as over fifty students drove, thumbed, or rode the chartered bus to the nation's capital.

The march up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol steps began at noon on the Ellipse, where coalitions were formed. Such diverse factions as union locals, veterans, regional groups, women's liberation groups, students, and the Third World Coalition marched together for a common goal—to end war and repression.

Along Pennsylvania Avenue, people with headbands and buttons carried flags and sleeping bags, posters, and cameras, and banners. A young man with a powdered face and flowing black robes represented death in Vietnam. A woman's placard proclaimed "No Chickens ever called me Chick!" And a tired middle-aged black man whose sign read, "My Son died in Vietnam, For What, America?" stopped by the road and rested.

To the chant of "Peace Now!" the march moved rapidly to the Capitol steps. The marshals announced that the steps were closed but the crowd parted to let a black man carrying a heavy wooden cross walk up to the Capitol.

The applauding, cheering crowd on the lawn listened to speeches by congressmen. Folksinger John Denver sang "Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream". Peter, Paul and Mary sang "Blowin' in the Wind" and with hands extended in the peace sign, the crowd joined in.

Speakers who highlighted the afternoon were David Dillinger, of the Chicago 8; John Kerry of the Vietnam Veterans Against War; Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Reverend Abernathy; and the mother of Angela Davis.

After the Main Rally, SDS held a rally in front of the Unemployment Office. No incidents were reported there.

Although the April 24 demonstration ended at 5:00 p.m., people were urged to stay in Washington for the coming weeks. This week is devoted to leafletting and lobbying.

The Festival of Life will be held on May 1, featuring such performers as Arlo Guthrie, Phil Ochs, and Mary Travers. The March...the Non Violent Civil Disobedience will begin May 3, to block the Pentagon and STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL.

If April 24 was any indicator, the MAYDAY activities should be peaceful confrontations. No National Guard nor Federal Troops were in evidence.

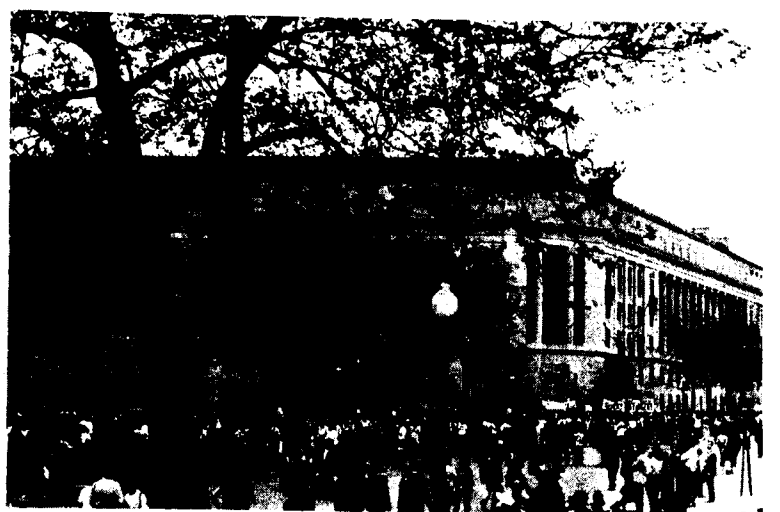
Our President Nixon refused to comment on the April 24 march.

Will he still be silent when Washington is closed?

SUPPORT MAYDAY



WASHINGTON POLICE—Silently observe the rally and march. Federal Troops and National Guard were not called out.



PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE—Lined with people who had come to Washington on April 24, to end the war and to stop racist and political repression.

MAYDAY

Commit
an Act
of
Civil
Disobedience