College World

Prohibition Smashes Fraternities; UConn Students Retain Lawyers

"College World" on September 27 reported that the University of Connecticut's Daily Campus was running into its share of troubles. The paper was made independent of the Student Senate and its newly appointed advisory council. The paper's editors said such a move threatened the paper's "extremely precarious financial position." The campus paper was the last university newspaper in the United States to be under student control. The next day, the university administration said that it would not interfere with the paper's activities.

This appears to have been only the start of troubles on the UConn campus. Early this month 2500 male students, later joined by hundreds of coeds, demonstrated in protest against new University policies. The policies include financial control over all activities with an annual budget of over $200,000, prohibition of on-campus fraternity parties where liquor would be served, and extension of "advocacy councils" to cover not only the newspaper, but also the student radio station and the yearbook.

"Hit the Road, Jack"

Students at the UConn-Yale football game carried huge placards with the slogans: "UC-State Blaze", "Rights, Not Writs", and "The Big Three—-Rushmore, Castro, and Danilo". Danilo is Assistant Dean of Men, John P. Danilo, who is responsible for issuing the new student control regulations. A few hundred of students took to Danilo's home; from the loudspeakers in the windows of dorms and fraternity houses across the campus blared Roy Charles' "Hit the Road, Jack."

The Daily Campus of October 2 editorially condemned the "hit the road" move, and contained several "Letters to the Editor" from faculty members expressing sympathy for the students' cause. By October 6 things were headed downward; "Students United; Fight for Rights.

Under the headline was this story: "This issue of the Daily Campus is being published to dramatically Illustrate the seriousness of the problem, constructing the student body at this University. The issues are: first, Students have been denied the right to control their own Fraternity funds. It is reported that "second, The Associated Student Government has been deprived of the right to have a representative body for the students at the University of Connecticut."

Eight White Pages

The remainder of the eight page paper was left blank (except for column rules) as a gesture of protest. There were also several other actions of protest. The UConn Interfraternity Conference voted to boycott the annual Homecoming Weekend. This includes a boycott of the week-end football game, the suspension of all fraternity-sponsored post-game activities, and the total boycott of a Dave Brubeck jazz concert, scheduled for the weekend. The UConn Interfraternity Council will not support the boycott; the students have hired a law firm as legal counsel for the student body.

The Virginia Tech (VPI) has announced that with an engineering enrollment of about 3700, VPI now has the seventh largest engi- neer of the United States. Among the courses given at VPI are mechanical, marine, and electrical engineering, and naval architecture.

No More Course XIII

About now you're noticing that the Virginia Tech reports, "A lack of students interested in engineering..." The naval architectural program has found the discontinuance of its affiliation with MIT. A check with the Course XIII office revealed that this is not true, and a letter may be sent to the editor of The Virginia Tech to inform him of this.

The Virginia Tech is considered by many engineering students in the United States as the best of its kind in the nation.

Discrimination at Rad....

Did you know that Tech students are not allowed to take Rad---- freshmen to dances on the Tech campus for the first quarter of the school year—even if the dance is a big formal? It makes no difference; the attitude is that Rad---- girls are allowed to dance to any other school in the area. This is out-and-out discrimination.

Of course "Tech" is not MIT. It is Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is not Radcliffe; it is Radford, an extension of Radford College. What really hurts is that "Fordies" are allowed to go to dances on the Tech campus. So you see, our own campus is under attack from outside institutions.

The Virginia Tech has called on the administration of Radford to justify the position of the campus. A Radford official replied that "vigorously" the nickname would not be changed.