**Change protests - Kunstler**

By Lee Giguere

With great excitement over his longish dark hair, attorney William Kunstler quoted an enthusiastic reception, on Thursday, April 3 at the University of Rhode Island April 1 with raised fists and a grin of confidence.

Although he faces a four year sentence for contempt of court during his defense of the Chicago 7, Kunstler's appearance was not that of a defeated man.

Kunstler claimed that four jurors believed his clients were "innocent of every charge" but gave in to compromise with the rest of the jury.

Also that evening, he predicted that "maybe it's time to turn to new forms of protest." The government, he said, "must listen to what's going on," and he quoted Justice William Douglas that "today's establishment is like yesterday's George III." "Patience has worn thin," he said, and we have to think in terms of strong measures. He called for an increase in resistance, saying, "we can't expect illegitimate authority; we are resistant in nature."

Symbolizing the shift, Kunstler jokingly referred to the Chicago trial as one of the few times in history "where the lawyers may do more time than the defendants."

Noting that the trial of Bobby Seale in New Haven, which is set to begin this spring, is a more serious case, he claimed the import of his case, "involved a decision by the defendants not to yield, not to be given up by other than their principles." The trial, Kunstler said, illustrates the failure of communication on the part of an older generation. Judge Julius Hoffman would "not listen, was afraid to listen," he said. He explained that "when those who have the power are afraid to look into the future," this, he said, is what the trial showed Hoffman, he asserted, is not that unusual.

Kunstler noted that his initial instinct had been to try to win the case, and he pointed out that the defense would be better off to rest when the prosecution finished. The defendants, however, were unwilling to compromise their life styles in order to win their case. He quoted Jerry Rubin as saying "it doesn't matter whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

3-part defense

The defense, he explained, was carried on at three levels: first, show the prosecution witnesses were liars; second, argue why the defendants came to Chicago; third, show themselves and the jury the rest of the jury.

Filings of the events in Chicago, according to Kunstler, was the first step. Claude Clark had ordered federal attorneys not to prosecute cases unless the jury was convinced that the conspiracy cases were tried. The law, Kunstler said, was meant to "keep the Bobby Rubins from sadistic intent". The case against them was one of Karl's most rearguard action, he felt. "The government doesn't have to prove that they've gotten used to it. Resistance - that's where we're at this point."

At the close of his speech, the Students for a Democratic Society committee at URI presented Kunstler with an honorary "Doctor of Justice" degree from the State University of Rhode Island. In a later question period, he claimed that "the chances are good for the appeal."

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**Final judicial draft released**

The faculty Discipline Committee has further revised its re-proposal of a procedure and defense to knowledge the identity of the opposing witnesses, which will be held before a disciplinary hearing.

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In the fourth draft of the Committee's position papers, "The MIT Judicial Reform Committee," the proposed procedures for a hearing involving legal counsel are amended to allow publication of witnesses' testimonies, so as to allow both sides a more accurate appraisal of the nature of charges.

No substantive change

Gregory Arenson '70, who headed the General's Assembly's Judicial Reform Committee, said that the change would make no substantive difference in the overall process of defense. Further, he said, this subsequent draft procedure had in no way changed the committee's approval of the proposed reforms in disciplinary proceedings.

Under the currently proposed changes, a witness will be held ten days after the accused party has received notice of proceedings against him. During this time, he can obtain legal counsel. This proposal, he said, would be "eminently fair to the defendant." Additionally, the defendant will be given five days to prepare his case, with the witness list to be released at this time.

Other aspects of disciplinary proceedings, however, remain current proposals. The Dean for Student Affairs will no longer be the final arbiter of cases against students. Rather, he will accept accusations from ag-grieved parties and transmit them to the committee, screen them, and schedule hearings. In addition, the Chairman of the Committee may convene it on his own initiative at any time to consider dismissal or suspension. All proposals are now also allow cross-examination privileges.