Campus Protests

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- **Canvassing fraternities** - See Peter Hall, 968-9305; Matt Smith, 933-3047.
- **Canvassing Chapel Hill and State** - See Chuck Patrizia or Richie Leonard, Suite A of the Carolina Union, 933-1157. Workshops to train canvassers in the Door to Door for Peace drive will be held at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Union.
- **Washington witness** - Ten buses have been chartered for students and faculty to go to Washington Tuesday to meet with the North Carolina delegation and other Congressmen. Reservations for the bus can be made in Y-Court, YM-YWCA offices, Carolina Union lobby, School of Public Health, and in front of the Post Office downtown.
- **Letter writing** - The Carolina Union will pay mailing costs for letters about the war written to Congressmen. See Jerri Orne, 968-9175 or table in the Carolina Union lobby.
- **Kent State professors** - Psychology professor Richard Taylor and sociology professor Jerry Lewis from Kent State will be on campus Wednesday to discuss last week's tragic events there.
- **Letters to the editor** - All students are encouraged to contact their hometown newspapers expressing their views on the war and administrative policies.
- **Free university classes** - See Buck Goldstein, 929-4051.
- **Graduate coordinating committee** - See Michael O'Brien, Dept. of City Planning, New East, 968-9175.
- **Graduate student "unit action"** - See Jerry Wright, Political Science Dept. 933-3047.
- **Support of undergraduates against professors opposing amnesty** - See Maury Klein, Political Science Dept., 933-3047.
- **Rochester national petition** - See John Brandenburg, Dept. of City Planning, New East, 968-9175.
- **Veterans against the war** - Call 929-3251.
- **Television panel** - UNC students Wilson Summerville, George Butler, and Phil McMunigal will appear with student body president Tommy Bello on Sam Ragan's 1:00 p.m. panel show next Sunday on WTVD. They will discuss student activities and involvement in the antiwar movement.

The strike began from the initiative exercised by several individuals and small groups: student legislature, Tommy Bello, the graduate students from the English Department. A Strike Steering Committee organized Tuesday was also very effective. Yet from such limited beginnings it has expanded to include well over half of the student body. It has stimulated an unprecedented unity between undergraduate and graduate students. Until last Tuesday, these two groups were almost entirely self-contained units, working separately. Now they are united in a common desire to utilize the most effective non-violent action to end the war.

The strike has made, and continues to make many substantial, indirect gains such as this one. Countless organizations - from the Inter Fraternity Council and Morehead Scholars to individual fraternities such as Delta Upsilon - have passed and circulated petitions or resolutions on their own initiative. Students who had considered Student Government irrelevant have become so actively involved that they literally camped out in Suite C. Many, many individual acts of sacrifice have passed almost unnoticed: secretaries answering Student Government phones 20 hours a day; students spending 36-hour stretches mimeographing petitions and letters; students carrying petitions around and around and around.

The tremendous effort put forth during the strike represents the true potentiality of the student body when it unites behind a common goal.

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