

Berkeley Campus 'Uncertain' of Future

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BERKELEY, Cal. (Special) — The Berkeley campus of the University of California, torn last year by civil disobedience, rioting and demonstrations that led to the arrests of nearly 800 persons, opened its doors for fall classes Sept. 13 as a new breed of students converged on the school. The "new breed"—or the "activists" as they are sometimes called—are returning this year to a new chancellor and a new set of rules.

This year's students at Berkeley will undoubtedly be cautious about any innovations that followed last year's turmoil. But many are expressing hope that the campus rules of student conduct will preclude any need for civil disobedience this year.

Last year's rioting erupted "because of the lack of freedom of speech," according to Mario Savio, the acknowledged ring-leader of the demonstrations. However, newly-appointed Chancellor Roger Heyns has taken steps to protect free speech.

Campus Turmoil

"Constitutionally protected speech will not be subject to University discipline," he said.

The entire campus is in a turmoil; even during final's week of summer session hundreds of students milled around the Sproule Hall steps, discussing and arguing. Just as the chancellorship has changed, and along with the new rules, the traditional student-type is very scarce on the Berkeley campus.

Football practice still goes on as the head-knockers prepared themselves for their Sept. 18 kick-off game, and the sororities will still have rush this year. (Of the 27,000 students on campus,

only 340 signed up for sorority rush.)

Fraternity houses will be empty on the Berkeley campus this year—in spite of the fact that housing is in very short supply around the campus.

And, although few will predict trouble for the upcoming year, there are obvious sore spots that will have to be ironed out.

Obvious Sore Spots

The Daily Californian, campus newspaper, says of the new rules: "The rules are good, perhaps the best that they can be under the circumstances. . . . There are no rules restricting freedom of speech or advocacy. . . ."

However, the paper noted that the rules would be put into effect, on Sept. 16, before returning students would have a chance to read them, although Chancellor Heyns asked for student comment and criticism.

The paper also protests University of California President Clark Kerr's stipulation which says: "Each Chancellor may appoint such faculty, student or other advisory committees or individual advisors as he desires, but the final authority for administration of student discipline rests with the Chancellor, except that expulsion requires approval by the President."

Another potential danger area centers around teaching assistants.

Teaching Assistants

President Kerr has called the University of California a multi-versity; students have objected to the fact that they can seldom see their teachers. Therefore, there is often a great deal of contact between the T.A.'s and students.

However, after last year's riots, the California legislature cut the

Berkeley budget, intending to limit the number of teaching assistants for the 1965-66 academic year. The budget cut was an attempt to punish the teaching assistants, who participated in the riots almost to a man. However, students now say they won't even be able to see their teaching assistants, let alone their professors.

Others say that class sizes will have to be doubled and doubled again unless more T.A.s are hired. The university administration has promised to alleviate the problem.

New Rules

One of last year's bitterly contested sore-points—admission of the graduate students to the Associated Students of the University of California—is still unsettled, and could be a cause for trouble.

And the new rules, definitely conduct, it was against university regulations for students or a student group to advocate an off-campus cause.

Now, however, Heyns and the

University of California allow students and "students-only" groups to sponsor and even organize programs and committees for off-campus action.

In fact, the Viet Nam Day Committee, with headquarters five blocks off-campus, is presently soliciting funds and membership on the Berkeley campus for two days of protesting and civil disobedience.

Massive Unrest

Michael O'Hanlon, campus coordinator for the committee, and the only non-student on its steering committee, told the Emerald that the committee, known as the VDC, wants "excessively large demonstrations against the U.S. war machine."

And on Oct. 16-17 the VDC plans a "teach-in, followed by a massive march of 8,000-10,000 people to the Oakland Army Terminal; followed there by massive civil disobedience."

O'Hanlon said that simultaneous action will be taken in 23 states, including Oregon, and five countries.

an improvement for the campus, may bring headaches to the surrounding communities.

Up until Chancellor Heyns issued his new rules for student

He said, however, that "barring unforeseen difficulties, there will be no civil disobedience on campus." He said the VDC plans to march and protest off campus, and talk on campus.

In talking to the students and faculty members, one notices a lack of certainty when speaking of the coming year. However, as one faculty member said: "The new Berkeley students are activist-oriented; this year we are attracting them. However, we won't have so much trouble this year because the new administration is compromise-minded."

So, Berkeley may not see many more riots and acts of civil disobedience, but protests and discussions will be the rule on campus for years to come, as the more politically motivated and sophisticated students, the new breed of activists, inhabit the campus.

Irish Author Visiting, Will Teach Writing

Benedict Thomas Joseph Kiely, prominent Irish writer, will be a visiting professor of English at the University during the 1965-66 academic year.

Kiely will teach courses in creative writing in the Department of English, assuming some of the teaching duties of James B. Hall, who has left the University for a teaching position in California.

The Irish author has spent the past year as writer-in-residence at Hollins College in Virginia. He is a graduate of the National University of Ireland, University College, Dublin.

Kiely's creative writing includes the books Land Without Stars, In a Harbour Green, Call for a Miracle, The Cards of the Gambler, Honey Seems Better, There Was an Ancient House, and The Captain with the Whiskers.

He has written a volume of short stories and three non-fiction books, including Counties of Contention: A Study of the Origins and Implications of the Partition of Ireland.

Kiely has contributed to numer-

ous publications, such as The Bell, The Kilkenny Magazine, Irish Writing, and Envoy in Ireland; The Spectator and The Mouth in Great Britain; and The New Yorker, The New York Times Book Review, Kenyon Review, and Texas Quarterly in the United States.

Kiely's work in progress includes a novel and a critical book about the Big House and Irish literature.

The writer is married and has four children.

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