

Supports move to ban germ warfare research

To the Editor,

On May 9 I was one of eight people — six area community members and two UMass students who, after a discussion with UMass Chancellor Joseph Duffey about defense-related research at UMass were arrested for trespassing. We refused to leave his office because, although we appreciated his willingness to meet with us, we felt that he had failed to confront our basic concern: the two-part issue of human rights.

Part One: The rights of UMass students, presently highlighted by the suspension without hearings of those demonstrating on a matter literally of life and death. (This issue has now been at least partially resolved.)

Part Two: Universal human rights, indeed the rights of all living things, threatened both by ecological disaster like global warming and pollution and by weapons of mass destruction in our age of high technology.

One can understand the awesome kind of spider web in which someone like Chancellor Duffey is caught! Tangled in this web are his financial responsibilities to an institution desperately in need of funds; his responsibility to a vast variety of faculty, students and alumni, and his responsibility to his own personal convictions — not to mention his obligations to the great spider itself who spins the web: our whole system of business-military-commercial-industrial that entangles universities, towns, select boards and citizens alike!

Actually, isn't modern technology -- in medicine, communications, space -- so "high" as to be out of sight and practically unbelievable to a lot of sensible but technically untrained people? And, unfortunately, aren't those who do have this kind of training likely to be so dependent on their work and/or fascinated by the "miracles" they perform as to be blind to its effects on real people and to the overall direction it's taking (us)?

The U.S. Army's Biological Warfare Defense Research Program, of which anthrax research at UMass is a part, demonstrates to perfection the ominous fascination of work in molecular biology where some of the deadliest known pathogens are being genetically manipulated — with the claim of the need for a worldwide vaccine. If this claim is valid, the project should be civilian, not military. Indeed, the only legal ground for any such experiments would be civilian since they violate both the letter and the spirit of the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention, signed by the U.S. and one hundred other countries.

Fortunately, there are hundreds of highly trained scientists with both long-term vision and functioning human feelings who are sponsoring a pledge against biological warfare research; 85 local physicians signed an ad opposing such research at UMass. If enough ordinary, sensible people are concerned enough about human universal rights to life and about human decency, we can establish Amherst as the first biological-weapons-free zone in our country. This will be an historic act toward changing its direction.

Margaret G. Holt

1989 THURSDAY, MAY 25,

Chapter 9

Uprising! Memorial II

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Safety in the form of the camera: Everyone depends on the photographers. Jason Danzinger seen here at the Free-Choice Demonstration in Washington

It is because of my intense dedication to education that I became involved with the P.S.R.U. I believe, very strongly, that education is the only way that people can realize their freedom. Why else would the elite so strongly desire to keep it out of the hands of the underclasses?

War is the destruction of all that is educated. In this sense education may be applied to all living creatures, for doesn't even a fish absorb something during its life. Life is the ultimate Good. There is nothing else to kill but life. I therefore hate war. I will do all that is in my power to prevent the outbreak of any war. Even just in writing this I hope to be able to in some way contribute to the destruction of war.

It therefore seems obvious that I would not want the D.O.M. on my campus.

Since I first became involved with this movement I have been arrested once and have been involved in three occupations. My arrest occurred because I did not feel that it was right that my fellow students were being carried out of a building and into a bus, which would take them to jail. It occurred to me that it was wrong that they were being arrested for participating in an exclamation of their democratic right to voice their opinion. So I proceeded to block the bus with my body. There were approximately twenty other people who felt the same way that I did and we were all sitting behind the bus to prevent its imminent departure. The police didn't appreciate our dedication, and decided that it would be necessary to cart us off to jail, along with our comrades who had been inside the building.

We were then taken to the stadium on campus where they planned to book us. For five hours we sat, handcuffed in small "school-boy" chairs while our oppressors decided our fate. Then off to the Hampshire County correctional facility. Rather than get into detail about the whole episode I will suffice it to say that the administration's plan of stifling the movement backfired. Rather than feeling repressed our group became even more militant and empowered. During my time in custody, I felt so in touch with myself and why I was there, and so in tune to everyone around me that there was no way that I couldn't feel empowered.

 **IMAGINE...**

What if Universities got all the \$ they needed?
and the Military had to hold a Bake Sale?

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Thursday 9:31 pm Memorial Hall

Demands from the second Memorial Hall Occupation

People for a Socially Responsible University has shown that it is a group of reasonable people. The administration, by not recognizing the validity of the right of student input concerning the issues of research and funding on this campus, has forced us to take the measures of building occupation just to be heard. During these occupations, the administration has continued to treat the students with disrespect and has ignored the legitimacy of their concerns. In addition, the actions taken by the administration are in violation of the students' rights. This has happened in spite of the fact that we have continually given the administration options to negotiate in good faith.

For instance, when we tried to view the public documents concerning DOD funded research on campus, our efforts were blocked. During the occupation of MIRSL our efforts towards dialogue were ignored. When we occupied Memorial Hall for the first time, the administration inexplicably refused to meet with our group. At the Graduate Research Center occupation, the administration finally offered to meet with our group provided we left the offices we occupied. Yet, the administration was still not willing to discuss the issues of DOD research and funding on this campus with students. The only things the administration offered to discuss with us were: (1) Making public documents available to the public and (2) Setting up a commission to secure civilian funding sources. These are two present obligations of the administration which they are not currently fulfilling. This is all we have been offered this evening. This shows that claims that the administration has been negotiating in good faith are by-and-large an illusion. If the administration is truly interested in negotiating in good faith, it would reinstate the suspended students and stop its use of the threat of suspensions as a form of political repression.

Chancellor Duffey has said that he believes that economic dependence on DOD funding is a problem of national scope. According to Bill Weitzer, the chancellor will issue a statement to that effect tomorrow before the Faculty Senate. We are encouraged by our common concern and wish to work together to turn UMass into part of a solution to this problem.

We want a written document from the administration that shows their commitment to working towards this solution. This must include: (1) the admission that students have a right to have decision making power on the formation of the commission on economic conversion; (2) that this commission is also going to be equally dedicated to phasing out all DOD funding for research over an acceptable and reasonable period of time; (3) that this commission have binding power concerning the elimination of DOD research.

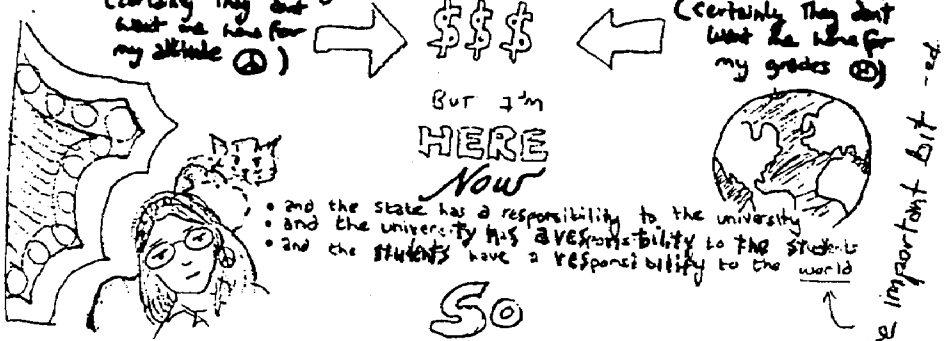
If the administration is willing to accept our compromise to their original plan for a commission, we will immediately end our occupation of Memorial Hall.

P.S. We feel it is our obligation to return the building to its original condition. We will take part in any clean up and maintenance work that needs to be done.

I Am here partly because I'm very good at procrastination and should be writing a 10-page paper on Woodstock but I kind of got sidetracked on my way there.

The D.O.D. Scareds me.

I'm here because I want to learn and grow. The University seems to want me here for U my (Certainly they don't want me here for my skills ☹) \$\$\$ (Certainly they don't want me here for my grades ☹)



VIVA A REVOLUTION!

S. Palmer, inside Memorial Hall, second occupation.

Statement from Chancellor Duffey
8 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 1989

I call upon the students now occupying Memorial Hall to withdraw and to return to their studies. The propriety of Department of Defense funding has been and will continue to be actively discussed on this campus. Given the level of controversy, the issue is not likely to go away. Nothing further will be gained by illegal and improper actions on the part of students or others who are illegally occupying this building.

At tomorrow's Faculty Senate meeting I will ask for the creation of a Campus Commission on America's Economic Future to explore both those elements that threaten our society today and what can be done to build a stronger, more productive American economy.

The excessive growth of Department of Defense funding in recent years is beginning to be reversed. But over-dependence on such funding is only one aspect of a larger problem. It has been recognized by the Department of Defense, among others, that the principal threat to our nation's security today is neither weapons nor military strategy. The greatest threat to our nation's security is an economy which is failing to support the kind and quality of education which will prepare young people for a world in which America must compete and cooperate in international markets.

We are falling behind in our technological development. We have lost leadership in quality manufacturing in many areas to other nations. We are educating too few engineers and scientists and ignoring needs in the health and education of millions of poor children. We know and care too little about the rest of the world. There is widespread civic illiteracy and voter apathy.

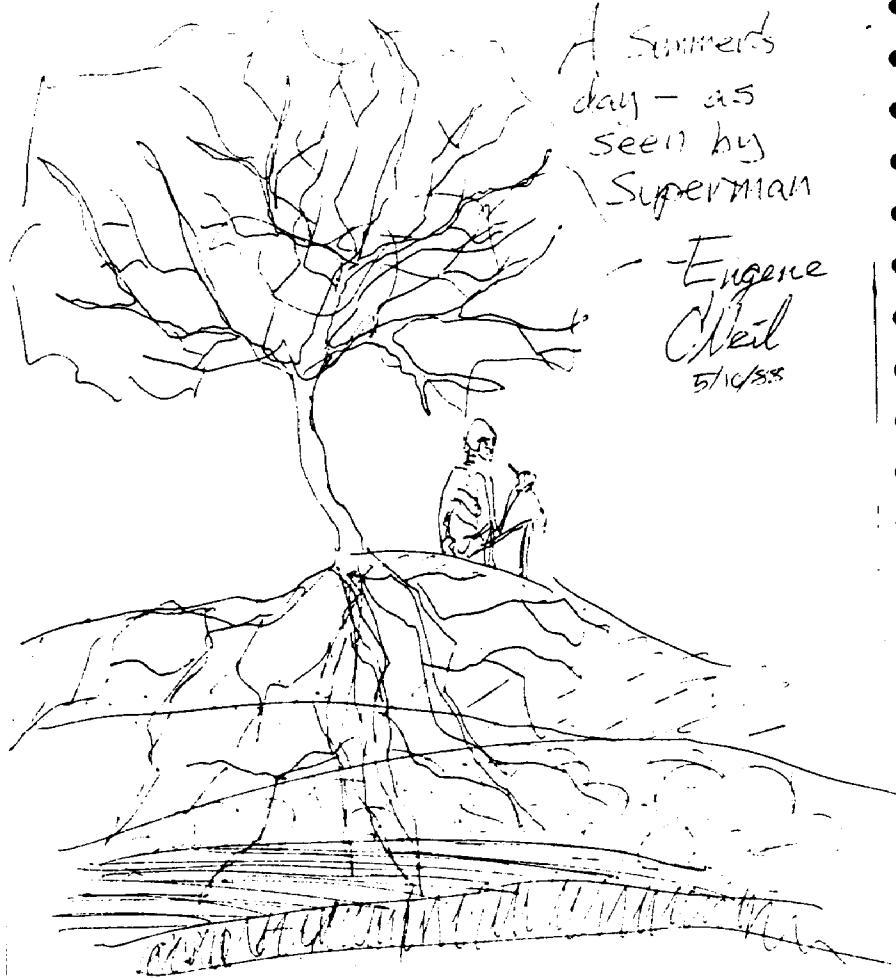
The American economy has been weakened by a rate of savings and investment that is among the lowest of the world's industrial nations. We have been crippled by an imbalance of trade and a continuing deficit in the Federal budget. We import too much, make too little, and as a nation we have been living beyond our means. Perhaps most of all, our national security is threatened by the lack of confidence many young people have in the future. As a nation we have the resources to restore that confidence and to build a healthy and strong economy. As an education institution we have a responsibility to consider these questions, not simply in rhetorical debate but with serious concentration and study.

The kind of study and deliberation I propose must inevitably focus on the question of Department of Defense funded research. Much of that research on this campus is directed toward basic scientific discovery and is primarily applicable to civilian and commercial technologies. The nation's economy, however, is currently too dependent on military spending. And our research universities need greater support for basic and applied science and technology from civilian sources. We can meaningfully address these questions only in the context of the larger issues I have mentioned above.

The Commission I will propose will be asked to address these questions and speak not only to the campus but to concerned alumni and citizens everywhere. These are serious questions. Achieving consensus may be difficult if not impossible. After all, in a pluralistic nation such as ours, there are many points of view that deserve consideration and respect.

I will propose that this Commission, which will include student representatives, begin with a review of recent studies on the condition of the American economy. The University will provide some staff support for the Commission and ask for a written report which addresses what each of us can do to build a stronger, more just, and more viable economy, addressing the responsibilities of students, faculty and the University as an institution.

Distributed to us in Memorial Hall II



A Summer's
day - as
seen by
Superman

- Eugene
Neil
5/10/58



All Oniversity Women
Join the fight against
D.O.D. War is a
Women's issue!! Thur
May 11 ~ 12 noon rally at
Whitmore ~ 900 P.M.
Candlelight Vigil at Memoria
Hall

STUDENTS :

The DoD presence on campus has grown in monetary terms by 2000% in the past decade. If you're against war, your academic options are becoming fewer. Help stop military-funded research.



(POLICE OFFICERS ON A STUDENT AT MEMORIAL HALL)



Musicians: Bring your music to support the fight against DoD Research
Thursday Rally 12 noon
at Whitmore - May 11
9:00 P.M. Candlelight Vigil
at Memorial Hall Join U



U.V.C. Workers:
Join us in the fight against:
D.O.D. Research - Thursday
May 11th 12 noon Rally at
Whitmore → Reinstate Student
9:00 Candlelight Vigil at
Memorial Hall - Join Us!

Black and Third World
Students Join us in the
fight against D.O.D. Research
and Student suspensions
Thursday May 11th
12 noon Rally at Whitmore
9:00 P.M. Candlelight Vigil
at Memorial Hall - Join Us!



Physical Plant Workers
Join us in the fight
against D.O.D. Research

Thursday May 11:
2 noon Rally at Whitmore
1:00 P.M. Candlelight Vigil at
Memorial Hall



The special flashlight is passed around, and the solidarity story is shared



Inside Memorial Hall

Connolly Ryan

Connolly Ryan is a longtime resident, student, and critical analyst of Butterfield. He wrote this piece during the coffee house inside the second Memorial Hall Occupation.

Growth reckons it has found
some daylight
in the hearts
of these young people
who spill themselves
sweet and strong
through movement and language
while the norm-rats
choose to conform
up and down
the tame ladder of tradition

People gathered in an unusually lonely place
exchanging yearns and solutions.
The idea of a coffeehouse gets underway,
a hoarse-voiced woman gets raunchy
with a Bessie Smith song.
She erupts into redness
and buxom spasms
which leave the crowd
on a plank of joy.
A man with a jig-saw haircut
and a batman shirt
sings about his jetblack hair.

The rumor of state-troopers
begins to creep about.
Strength through empathy
gives us a momentary,
awkward zion to play with.

Hungerstrikers walk
in a beautiful daze
that makes my appetite seem
villainous to my potential
as a sensory creature.

Outside, the cherry-picker has landed
and begun to plant the proper lighting
for the cops who have come to bust.

The gonzo-man
hops up to front-stage
and spices our sacred moods
with his pungent funk.

No one will not give in
to the acoustic thrush
of this timely tempo-gangster.

He starts to bow wow wow
like a rooster or a greaser
and the collective response
trickles down his shins.

A man named Owl
lugs himself onto
a steel grey chair
and sings "Sunrise"
in a mystical drawl
that lulls the womyn-folk
to hum moonclear measures
as the boys like me
thump our wooly heals
and watch out for insects,
which afterall, shouldn't die

as a result of our fervor.
The twentieth century oral traditionalist,
Owl, charms our senses with funny brogues,
and past-life gestures.
He transforms into theater shapes
and his tongue dunks our heads
into the swamps that whistle
lazy hymns beneath the carpet.

The carpet is grimy and fuzzy of course,
but it tastes like apricot marmalade,
so we all do jumping jacks
and praise even the jackals
who only find time to slander.

Jeff, a friend, (of anyone)
jumps from his slumber
to strum his twelve stringer
and voices out "Me and Julio"
which gives the rest of us the cue
to exhale brassy lilac-tones
and elm-tree anthems.

A woman cloaked
in a numerical quilt
sings with a short-winded depth.
In my rapture, I imagine
bumblebee-sized flowersuds
rolling off her tongue.
A woman next to me
must see what I imagine
and she takes my hand.

[5/13/89--3:00 PM--Amherst, Ma]

[FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]

At dawn Thursday morning, 41 people protesting weapons research at U.Mass. were arrested in Memorial hall; this was the sixth of a series of such protests.

One protestor, John Doe, was ordered by District Court Judge Alvertus J. Morse to remain in custody without bail until he released his name, address, and social security number to the court. John Doe is also one of the students who on a hunger strike.

Attorney Christobal Bonifaz spoke with Hampshire County House of Correction Official Captain Jones on Friday afternoon. Jones assured Mr. Bonifaz that John Doe would be allowed the standard visitor privileges. However, on Saturday Jones told Mr. Bonifaz that Sheriff Garby had decided that no other than John Doe's immediate family may see him.

Mr. Bonifaz said of the development, "Why is John Doe being held incommunicado? This is a gross violation of his civil rights." On Monday, Mr. Bonifaz will file motions for his release in District and, if necessary, Superior Court.

Attorneys for People for a Socially Responsible University (the movement that has organized the recent demonstrations against weapons research at U. Mass) are also exploring with P.S.R.U. the possibility of filing a civil rights suit against Judge Morse.

[END OF RELEASE]

Thoughts of a Soldier

David Glover

I am a student at the University of Massachusetts. Besides being a student I am a human being. As a human I have a certain amount of power which I may exercise to change things that are bad. People and institutions may attempt to rob me of this power, but as long as I fully realize that it is there, I will always have it. There exists at my school a situation which, after careful consideration, I have deemed to be bad. I am therefore striving to change this situation.

UMass is not so slowly becoming an institution which is more devoted to the continued supply of more sophisticated and deadly forms of killing, to the Department of Defense; which I shall henceforth denote as the Department of Defense(DOD), than it is to the education of its students. While our budget is being slashed by the bureaucrats in the statehouse, as well as in Washington, and it is becoming increasingly more difficult to assure myself that I can and will get a good and well rounded education here, our government is seeing it quite necessary to pump millions of dollars into this school for the sole purpose of creating new weapons. This research is being conducted at both the student level and the faculty level.

I once witnessed an attack on one of the P.S.R.U.'s original demands, which called for the freshman class to be restored to its level of 4300 I believe that is the correct number . (The freshman class has been slashed because of the budget cuts.) The graduate student who disagreed with this said that if the freshmen class was restored to its previous levels, then, because of the budget cuts, more money would have to be pulled out of the liberal arts so that students like him could conduct their research. I find it hard to understand how one person's research could be more important than the chance for someone else to go to school. Why should someone like him get maybe fifty thousand dollars to conduct research when someone else can't get five thousand to just attend school?

That sense of empowerment hasn't left me. Before getting involved with this movement I had my convictions, but it was difficult to act on them. One person single-handedly trying to stop the war is ridiculous. But when you realize, and see, that there are lots of people who want the same thing, it is much easier. And when you can touch them it becomes even easier. When enough people reach out and touch each other this thing has got to happen. That is something that I have been able to realize because of this. The power of the people is not something to balk at. It is a force that must be reckoned with, or it will shatter the foundations of society. For it is people that comprise society, not numbers or bureaucracies; just plain people.

It is coldly ironic that Chancellor Joe Duffey and his council felt that it was necessary to call in a military force to suppress our anti D.O.D. protest. They were out in full force. Over a hundred police from all levels; University, Amherst town police, and state police, were all represented. With them came police dogs, a helicopter equipped with tear gas, and of course the bus which would take us away. All this is really kind of excessive when one considers that they were only arresting 60 nonviolent protesters. We did not throw one stone or in any way maliciously attack any of the officers. They still felt it reasonable to outnumber us 2 to 1.

The movement is evolving now. We did not start this, we have merely evolved into it. Although the semester may be over at this point, the summer is going to be a time of organization and solidification. I think people are realizing the immensity of our goal. To say that we want the D.O.D. off our campus is almost equivalent to saying that we want it off our planet. What is a university but a microcosm of the society. If the D.O.D. should not be on our campuses why should it be anywhere? No one should ever have to die in a war when there are much more important issues to put our energies into. However that is a much larger view of this issue, for now lets concentrate on cleaning up our universities.

I think the administration must be scarred at what might happen next semester. So far, in the last few weeks of this semester we have conducted five occupations. Which have involved students, faculty, and community members; eight students have gone on a hunger strike, there have been 152 arrests, we conducted a candle light vigil and planted a tree, we have held press conferences, rallies, open mikes, compiled leaflets and fact sheets, and have been holding regular meetings. With a whole semester to start with the possibilities of what might happen are very interesting.

I have said that this is a people's movement. It is made up of people, real people not t.v. personalities. In the short time that I have been involved with this thing I have met many people. I feel that I have learned a lot from them. I have grown emotionally and intellectually from my experiences with them. From blockading the doors at Memorial Hall during the second time there, to listening to a protester who is an ex-air force soldier broadcast his memories of his service time, and his experiences with his lover, I have become more in touch with myself, and my aspirations. Blocking a bunch of doors may seem like a pretty childish thing to do. But when that is put into the context of a siege, the reasoning becomes more apparent. At previous occupations the doors had been left open. The police strategically stationed themselves in our midst. It was impossible to sleep, as certain individuals would make sure to threaten arrest, baseball bat in hand, at rather odd hours in the night. Even mere access to the bathrooms had been used as an immature method to weaken the protesters. Food was also routinely withheld to further weaken us. We were the ones under siege. At the last occupation, the second at Memorial Hall, we blocked all entrances into the buildings except the windows. We maintained "our space".

We do not enjoy having to take over buildings to make a point. But when the administration tells you that certain crucial issues are non-negotiable with you, you have to find more direct and forceful ways to voice your opinion. When the Administration tries to psychologically cripple you, it is necessary to defend yourself.

It is the idea of "our space" that we are fighting for. We believe that the university is "our space", as we believe that the bathrooms are "our space". My mind is my space and I don't believe that anyone has the right to force feed me propaganda or dysinformation of any kind. I want to be free. I know that I must fight for that freedom. That is what I am doing and will keep on doing until I die.

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TO: MARCUS & MEM-HALL PEOPLE, ARRESTED BOTH INSIDE & OUTSIDE

SUGGESTIONS:

- 1) Wait for the formalities to be completed
- 2) Do not answer ANY questions regarding alleged violation(s)
- 3) When given the opportunity to speak to the disciplinary charges, read the UNIFIED STATEMENT, below
- 4) Once the statement has been read to the board, stand up and leave the hearing.

NOTE: the following statement has been prepared under the guidance of our attorney.

UNIFIED STATEMENT

"My attorney has advised me that if I were to defend myself in any way, or otherwise discuss the charges against me at this hearing, I would be jeopardizing my Fifth Amendment right not to incriminate myself, which could in turn jeopardize my criminal defense. I therefore request that my hearing be continued until after my trial is completed. Thank you very much."

END THE WAR, END THE WAR END THE WAR END THE WAR END THE WAR!!

Next step = wait 5 days + get letter as to whether or not I am suspended,

