

THE LINDENWOOD COLLEGES

The President's Room

TO ALL STUDENTS:

May 6, 1970

At a regular meeting of The Lindenwood Colleges faculty this morning, a proposal concerning the use of Monday, May 11, as a day when classes would be suspended in favor of activities related to United States involvement in Cambodia was presented by Daniel Selwyn. Mr. Selwyn, representing an ad hoc committee of students protesting the recent actions of the government, requested a college-wide cessation of regular college activity. He was accompanied by Charles Moore, Executive Editor of IBIS, who recommended that suspension of classes be voluntary. Three officers of the student association of the women's college--Marsha Hollander, Barbara Roth, and Mary Kay Bordner--were present and presented varying views.

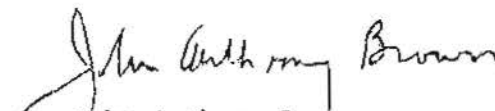
The faculty action, in lieu of the idea that the suspension of classes be proclaimed as an institutional protest to the government, adopted a motion which permits devoting Monday to workshops and other forms of discussion of the issues. The actual wording of the motion is as follows:

That the faculty suspend "business as usual" on Monday for the purpose of discussing issues brought to our attention by the students.

In response to this action by the faculty, the administration hereby announces the suspension of classes and offers its cooperation in making this a day of serious and open discussion. While the officers of the colleges are not authorized to commit the institution to a political position, one way or the other, they are obligated to implement the decision of the faculty and, as individuals, they are privileged to participate in any manner they wish.

In view of the nature of the faculty's decision, it is especially the obligation of the administration to encourage the use of Monday's activities as opportunities for dialogue in which the presentation of all points of view will be possible. It is the administration's hope that workshops of various types be offered and the administration itself proposes to offer one of its own on the subject of "Academic integrity and institutional goals in times of national crisis."

Above all, it is hoped that students genuinely participate in the activities of the day, which is, after all, not a vacation, but a time for dialogue. The college has taken seriously the student request for discussion of profound issues which impact on all of us. The whole point of the faculty's concern for problems confronting this student generation will be lost if the students themselves do not respond by attending the various meetings and by participating in the discussions.

  
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President