

Campus coloring book: paint it protest

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From the Bessey vigil in the fall to last week's march on the Capitol, student protests set the year's pace with frequent successes in both social and academic areas.

Final approval of the Academic Freedom Report's second revision in March spurred formation of departmental student advisory committees, open hearings, and faculty - student sessions on topics ranging from pass-fall grades to course evaluation.

Coeds entered another type of freedom fight by working through AWS, ASMSU, and general gripes to liberalize closing hours. They won, with only President John A. Hannah's signature needed for a policy change next fall eliminating hours for sophomores, juniors,

and seniors, but retaining curfews for freshmen.

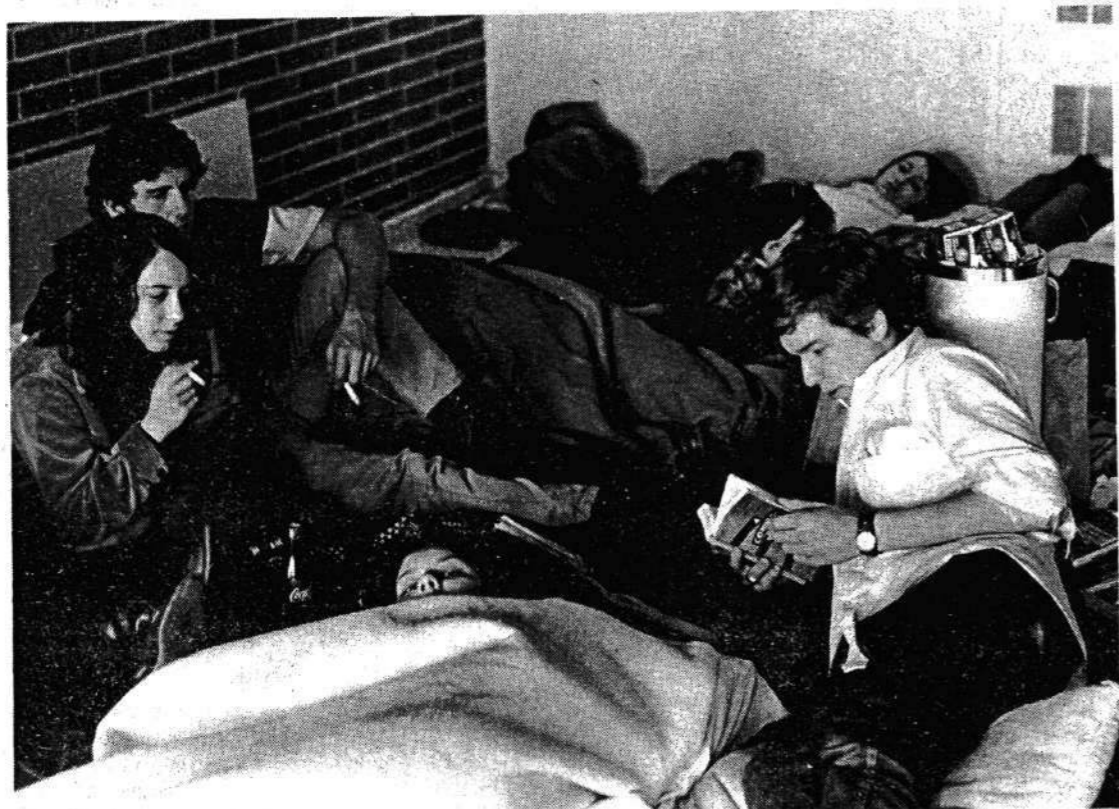
Attempting to correctly implement the Academic Freedom Report, administrators publicly stated that students could view all their personal records, except those intended to be confidential. Student interest resulted in a massive destruction of RA evaluations, relieving students who cringe at their frivolous freshman antics.

Protest failed to bring action last fall when 1,100 participants met one afternoon at Bessey for an Orange Horse Rally demanding reasons why three ATL instructors, student favorites, were not being rehired for next year.

In a sit-in that lasted over Thanksgiving vacation for eight days and nights, the vigil ended at Kellogg Center, where the demonstrators learned that the board of trustees had unanimously

approved reappointment recommendations by Provost Neville, minus votes in favor of Fogarty, Groat and Lawless.

Fall term continued defeats with anticipation of a No. 1 football team squelched by the nationally-mourned tie with Notre Dame. ND coach Ara Parseghian went for the tie rather than the win, when the Irish had the ball on their own 30 with 1:25 left to play. UPI sided at first with MSU, giving the Spartans a No. 1 rating by a slim three points, but later agreed with AP, ranking the Irish first. A Big Ten championship title helped soothe Spartan spirit somewhat.



Orange Hall rally

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